MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON JANUARY 21, 1959

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 1959. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

Present

Absent

Joseph W. Lund James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Very Rev. Msgr. F. J. Lally Stephen E. McCloskey(came into meeting later)

A copy of the NOTICE OF MEETING, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, with the CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING attached thereto, was read and ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting and filed for record.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that a meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority will be held at ten o'clock a.m. on January 21, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 16, 1959

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Title: Secretary

CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING (Sec. 23A, Chapter 39» General Laws)

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I, Kane Simonian, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, do hereby certify that on January 16, 1959 I filed, in the manner provided by Sec, 23A, Chapter 39 General Laws, with the City Clerk of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, A NOTICE OF MEETING of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Authority this 16th day of January, 1959.

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The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 1959 were read by the Secre tary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that the successful bidders on the Second Series A Loan Note had refused to purchase the Notes because Bond Counsel would not give an approving opinion while the West End litigation is pending. Arrangements have been made for the U.S. Treasury, through the HHFA, to redeem the escrow note posted for the payment of the First Series Loan Note issue.

The Executive Director brought up the subject of relocation payments to business and residential tenants of the Whitney Project Area. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director prepare a memo and the General Counsel prepare a brief to be submitted to the Authority prior to any decision on policy with respect to relocation payments on non-Federal projects.

Mr. McCloskey entered the meeting at this point.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to extend the appointment of Earl Shope, Site Office Maintenance Man, for another ninety days.

The Chairman reported that the date of the Boston College Seminar would be March 3, 1959. It was the unanimous view of the Authority that the Chairman and Vice Chairman both participate in the Seminar.

The Executive Director brought up the subject of the selection of a collection agency in connection with West End rent arrearage. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that prior to any consideration of a collection agency, the General Counsel be instructed to send an appropriate "lawyer's letter" to all delinquent former tenants who have moved from the project area.

The Chief of Development, Wallace B. Orpin, was called into the meeting and asked to report on the demolition conditions in the West End Project Area. The Authority emphasized the fact that the conditions in the area were not satisfactory and that the conditions observed by the Authority on a recent field inspection tour would have to be remedied; and further that the Authority would insist on conditions in the area being watched and supervised very closely in the future by every employee responsible*

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Caruso, of Caruso Associates, entered tojdiscuss different types of brochures which could be prepared for publication by the Authority. After a discussion, the subject of a brochure was taken under advisement until the next meeting*

Demolition and Relocation Reports in the priority areas were distributed*

The Executive Director submitted a report of the Site Office concerning the names of several uncooperative tenants who are delinquent in their rent. After a review of the reports and on the recommendation of the Executive Director, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the sheriff's warrants for the eviction of the following tenants: Lawrence Tene, Ann Zachewicz, and Frank Lavine.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a memo from Mr. Albert Terban, Superintendent of Maintenance in the Project Area, concerning cables which had been installed to provide temporary electric service to property owners on Staniford Street, The memo stated that Mr. Jacobs of Customer Service and Mr. Flynn of the Inspection Department of the Edison had assured Mr. Terban that these cables were safe. The installation of these cables underground would require extensive excavation and expense, which is not feasible where the use is temporary.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be instructed to write to the appropriate and responsible official of the Boston Edison Company requesting that the Edison Company either place these cables underground or, if they are left in the present condition, give the Authority a written guarantee or assurance that there is no possibility of danger and that there will be no liability to the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Secretary