

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON FEB. 8, 1961

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 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 8, 1961. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Joseph W. Lund	Melvin J. Massucco
Msgr. Francis J. Lally	
James Q. Colbert	
Stephen E. McCloskey	

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 Feb. 8, 1961 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian Secretary

February 8, 1961 Title: Secretary

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

I, Kane Simonian, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, do hereby certify that on Feb. 2, 1961 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 8th day of February, 1961.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 1, 1961 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

Mr. Graham entered the meeting at this point.

A letter from the Metropolitan District Commission was distributed concerning the sale of a sliver of land on Auburn Street, West End.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the offer of sale by the MDC of a parcel of land at the junction of Auburn and Nashua Street rotary amounting to 327 square feet of land, or less, at \$1.35 per square foot, plus conveyance fee of \$35.00 subject to approval by URA.

Site Office reports were distributed. On the recommendation of the Whitney Site Office, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive rent arrearage in the amount of \$75.00 for Cyrena Condrelli, 133 Smith Street, Roxbury.

Copies of a memo from the Real Estate Officer, Robert E. McGovern, were distributed, concerning failure on the part of Francis J. Coughlin, appraiser, to satisfactorily perform real estate appraisals for the Whitney Project.

On the recommendation of Mr. McGovern and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to exclude, effective February 9, 1961, all the parcels assigned to Francis J. Coughlin under the Government Center appraisal contract dated December 5, 1960.

A letter from Cronin & Gartland Company, dated February 7, 1961, concerning public liability insurance, was distributed. The Executive Director was instructed to review the matter and report to the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman send a letter to the annual meeting of the Peabody House, commending Miss Freda Rogolsky for her valuable assistance in the relocation of West End families.

On motion by Mr. McCloskey and seconded by Monsignor Lally, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a three-year lease for the premises presently occupied by the Redevelopment Authority at 73 Tremont Street.

The Chairman stated that he wished to enter the following statement into the minutes of this meeting concerning his business connection with the Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank;

"I have been asked to serve on the Board of Investment of the Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank. I have been a trustee of the Bank for twenty years and served on the Investment Committee from 1941 to 1956. The question arises because one of the principal properties owned by the Bank is in the proposed Government Center project area. I suggest that the Board be aware of the facts in this case and that I agree that I will not vote nor influence any negotiations as to a possible price to be involved in the settlement of the taking case on the property named above. I ask the Board's approval of this disclosure. "

Monsignor Lally stated that the Authority hereby acknowledges the above disclosure by the Chairman,

The General Counsel distributed copies of House Bill 1887 concerning the establishment of Departments of Development to carry out urban renewal and redevelopment projects in the place of Authorities.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority officially oppose the Bill at the hearing before Mercantile Affairs Committee on February 14th, and further, that Monsignor Lally and Mr. Stephen McCloskey be authorized to appear in opposition.

The General Counsel reported that Mr. McCloskey had appeared before the Mercantile Affairs Committee on S268 concerning the so-called early acquisition bill.

On motion made by Mr. Colbert and seconded by Monsignor Lally, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Board go on record as expressing thanks to Mr. McCloskey for the excellent job he did in appearing before the Mercantile Affairs Committee hearing on a Bill which is vital to the speedy carrying forward of the Government Center Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimesly

VOTED: to amend the travel authorization for personnel recruitment which was approved at the meeting of February 1, 1961 by including an authorization for an official visit to the American Institute of Traffic Engineers conference in Hampden, Connecticut, and the Regional Conference of the American Institute of Planners, to be held in Providence during the week of February 15th.

Mr. Graham stated that the consultant, William Slayton, has recommended that the site of the new State Office Building be included in the Government Center Project Area as part of the Federal project, with arrangements to be negotiated with the State for reimbursement to the City for any City expenditures in connection with the write-down of the site for the State Office Building.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Chairman to confer with His Honor, Mayor Collins, in order to ascertain the Mayor's views on the expenditure of City of Boston funds for the purpose of subsidizing the State Office Building.

At this point, Messrs, Rappaport, Bonan, Shoolman, Kass and Boxer entered the meeting to discuss an extension of time for the delivery of the second complex as well as some minor changes in the Site Plan for Complex 1-A.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
Secretary