

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON AUGUST 6, 1958

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 August 6, 1958. 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 Very Rev. Msgr. F. J. Lally James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Stephen E. McCloskey	None

General T. J* Regan, Vice President of the Boston Edison Company, attended the meeting to discuss Boston Edison's license in the steam lines presently located in streets of the West End Project Area, which streets are to be abandoned under the Redevelopment Plan. After a discussion with General Regan, the Members of the Authority agreed that this was a legal matter. The Authority instructed General Counsel John C. Conley to confer further with General Regan and the URA New York officials and to report back to the Authority.

The minutes of the meetings of July 23d and July 25th were read by the Secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: that an invoice from the Boston Housing Authority for the Workmen's Compensation and Retirement Board charges against the Urban Renewal Division be tabled until the next meeting and referred to the General Counsel for his review and report.

The Executive Director read Audit Report No. 6, U. R. Mass. 2-3.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the Audit Report and place it on file.

The Treasurer, Mr. Colbert, brought up a discussion of distribution of the deposit of West End funds.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman would look further into this matter and report back to the Authority at the next meeting.

The Executive Director requested ratification for terminating the employment of Thomas Garrity, Assistant Cashier in the Site Office.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to ratify the action of the Executive Director in dismissing the above-named employee.

Mr. Colbert dissented,

y The Executive Director was instructed to contact Mr. Garrity and offer him a position, which is available, as Maintenance Man.

The Executive Director presented the qualifications of Edmund I. Mangini, Jr. for the vacancy in the position of Assistant Cashier.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to transfer Edmund I. Mangini, Jr. to Assistant Cashier at \$3900 per annum, and that the Executive Director be authorized to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Mangini.

The Executive Director read a resume' of the proposed duties of the Chief of Development and Planning, in accordance with the requirements of the Manual. On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the resume' as read and delegate the powers to the Chief of Development as defined in the resum'e. (The foregoing resume is filed as Document No. 39 in the Document Book of the Authority.)

On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to reappoint for another 90-day period the following Maintenance Men of the West End Site Office: William Torpey, William Courtney and Edward Davock.

On the recommendation of the General Counsel, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to answer interrogatories and sign pleadings in connection with land damage and other litigation.

The Executive Director read a letter dated July 30th from the H. H. F. A. concerning the subject of land acquisition. The Authority discussed that section of the letter concerning the qualifications and number of option negotiators to be employed on the West End Project. After a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr. Walter S. Fried, the Administrator, and state the Authority's position.

Copies of the City Planning Board report on the Roxbury Renewal Area were distributed to the Members.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Authority

VOTED: to accept the resignation of Emelio de Christoforo as Maintenance Man, and to appoint Thomas Benson as a replacement.

The Executive Director discussed a request from the URA concerning the re-appraisal of certain parcels in the West End, the previous appraisals for which were determined to be unacceptable by the URA.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Land Acquisition Consultant authorize re-appraisals of parcels wherever required by the URA Regional Office.

The Chairman discussed a business and civic leaders' tour of the Boston project areas being planned jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Boston Economic Study Committee.

The Executive Director read a registered letter from the City Council concerning a meeting with the Renewal Committee of the Council on Friday, August 8, 1958 at 11:00 a.m.

It was unanimously agreed that since the revised plans have not been completed at this time, the Authority is unable to present detailed information and documentation in connection with the status of the Charles River Project as outlined in the City Council Committee invitation.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the City Council Clerk of Committees, respectfully declining to appear at the meeting, and explaining to the Council Committee the reason for declining the invitation; and further to state the Authority's willingness to meet with the Renewal Committee at such time as the revised plans are completed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Uoyd Sinclair as Senior Planner in charge of the proposed Roxbury Renewal Project, effective when needed, as determined by the Executive Director.

On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to retain the planning consultant firm of Adams, Howard & Greeley on the same basis as

previously retained to review the revised Redevelopment Plan and documentation being prepared by Victor Gruen Associates.

On the recommendation of the Executive Director, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the name of Samuel McCoy as option negotiator for the West End Project, and to make the following finding: that the above-mentioned option negotiator is qualified legally and by experience to perform the services to be provided in accordance with the URA Guide Form Contract; that on the basis of adequately documented supporting data, the compensation to be paid the contractor is fair and proper under all the circumstances and at a rate not in excess of what is customarily paid in the locality for equivalent services.

j On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Chairman to select and retain two appraisers for the purpose of making a block appraisal of the proposed Huntington Avenue, Worthington, St. Alphonsus and Tremont Street Project, at a cost not to exceed \$500 per appraisal.


On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize Hayden, Harding & Buchanan to perform additional engineering services under Paragraph 9 of the existing contract for engineering services in connection with the site improvements for the New York Streets Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.


Secretary