

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON FEB. 11, 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 Feb. 11, 1959. 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. Lalfy James G. Colbert	Stephen E. McCloskey(came in later) Melvin J. Massucco(came in 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 Feb. 11, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By

Kane Simonian

February 6, 1959 _

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. 6, 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 6th day of February, 1959.

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Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 4, 1959 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

The Chairman reported to the Authority on the results of a meeting with officials of the Edison Company and the General Counsel and Chief of Development concerning the steam lines running through the West End Project.

Mr. Massucco entered the meeting at this point.

The Executive Director read a letter from the Boston Housing Authority regarding the payment to this Authority of an overcharge due to charging the salary of the Chief of Development to the Urban Renewal Division account after the Authority had transferred said person. The Executive Director stated that he had talked the matter over with the auditors who are making the annual Federal audit and that the auditors have stated that their position has not changed with respect to the collection of the overcharge.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman write to the Housing Authority, informing the Authority that the Federal auditors have not changed their position with respect to the overcharge.

The Executive Director distributed a letter from Michael McCusker, formerly employed as Temporary Clerk with the Authority prior to entering military service. Mr. McCusker requested consideration for employment with the Authority in a suitable capacity. After a discussion, it was

VOTED: that the Executive Director contact Mr. Michael McCusker and interview him with respect to his qualifications for any suitable vacancy which may occur and report to the Authority at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that there would be a meeting with the City Council Committee on Redevelopment on Friday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. with respect to the Whitney Redevelopment Project, which meeting was principally scheduled for a discussion of the Redevelopment Corporation's

limited dividend corporate set up, as well as the financial feasibility of the project from the Authority's point of view.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Councillor Coffey concerning Mrs. Winifred Pruscino, 13 Lowell Street, Boston. Copies of the investigator's report from the Site Office concerning the case were distributed. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that a copy of the Site Office report be transmitted to Councillor Coffey, together with the Authority's answer.

At this point, Mr. McCloskey entered the meeting.

The Executive Director distributed memos to the Authority on relocation payments, attached to which was a brief from the General Counsel regarding legality of making relocation payments on non-Federal projects. After a discussion and on the recommendation of the General Counsel, on motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the policy of making relocation payments on non-Federal projects under the same procedures and in the same amounts authorized by the Housing & Home Finance Agency for Federal projects.

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

VOTED: to reappoint for a ninety-day period the following maintenance men, West End Site Office: Thomas Benson, Edward Davock, William Torpey and William Courtney.

The General Counsel discussed the land damage case of Peter Phillips, New York Streets Parcel 474-142. There was a disagreement between the plaintiff and counsel for the Authority as to whether or not the settlement figure included the pro-rated share of the taxes. On the recommendation of the General Counsel and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to increase the maximum option price on this parcel in the

amount of \$1106, 79 in order to include the taxes in the award; and that the Executive Director be authorized to write to the Regional Office of the URA to request concurrence in the vote of the Authority.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a proposal of the Caruso Associates for a brochure. After a discussion, the matter was tabled for action by the Authority at the next meeting.

The General Counsel discussed the problem of payment in lieu of taxes in connection with the New York Streets Project and informed the Authority that arrangements had been made for a representative of the City Law Department to accompany him to the Regional Office in order to settle the matter of payments in lieu of taxes.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from the First Realty Corporation in connection with the Government Center Project. After a discussion, the matter was tabled.

The Executive Director brought up the subject of the amendment to the By laws concerning the adoption of the Annual Report. Under the existing By laws, the motion must be presented at two regular meetings. In order to comply with the By laws, the Executive Director proposed that the second of the two votes required be adopted at this meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the By laws be amended to authorize the adoption of the Annual Report at any regular or special meeting held during the month of January.

At this point, Mr. Colbert left the meeting.

Mr. David Nasif, representing Thomas Diab & Son et al» entered the meeting at this point to discuss the Mattapan Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Secretary