

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 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 February 7, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 1958, were read by the Secretary. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to revise the minutes to include the following:

The Chairman read a City Council order adopted January 20, 1958 as follows:

"RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council suggests the wisdom at this time of confronting squarely the problem of the constitutionality under the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of legislation permitting a municipality to take obsolescent commercial property by eminent domain for the purpose of accomplishing a commercial redevelopment."

After a discussion of the above, it was

VOTED: to instruct the General Counsel to take it under advisement and report to the Authority.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as revised.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the next regular weekly meeting of the Authority be held on Friday, February 14, 1958, at 10:00 a.m.

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The Executive Director made a recommendation that the Authority continue the same policy authorized by the Housing Authority and approved by the Urban Renewal Administration in connection with the settlement of land damage cases in litigation. Under this policy, the General Counsel is authorized to settle any land damage case in excess of the maximum approved option price by an amount not to exceed 10% or \$500, whichever is lesser. After a discussion it was unanimously

VOTED: to table this recommendation until a meeting at which the Chairman would be present.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be authorized to settle rent collection cases from former tenants in the New York Streets Project Area in amounts which are, in his judgment, in the best interests of the Authority.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be authorized to negotiate with the Retina Foundation in connection with the Sales Agreement for Parcel J in the West End Project Area. ^A

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to subscribe to the New England Newsclip Service for a charge not to exceed \$20.00 per month.

The Executive Director read a Council Order proposed by Councillor Foley concerning the redevelopment of vacant land areas and the integration with existing commercial and industrial areas. After a discussion, the Executive Director was instructed to look into the matter and report to the Authority.

The Executive Director read a notice from the Clerk of Committees, City Council, requesting that the Authority appear before the Urban Renewal Committee of the City Council on Thursday, February 13th, 1958, at 10:30 a.m.