

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON DEC. 29, 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 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 29, 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	Melvin J. Massucco
Msgr. Francis J. Lally	
James G. 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 7 o'clock a.m. on Dec. 29, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By [Signature]

Dec. 28, 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 Dec. 28, 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 29th day of December, 1959.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 22d were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

Mr, Bertram Druker of the Cerel Druker Redevelopment Corporation attended the meeting to discuss the marketability of the proposed Castle Square Project for redevelopment. Mr. Druker assured the Authority that his firm had received countless inquiries and that he was working very closely with several people who are giving very serious consideration to locating in the proposed area. Mr. Druker further stated that the biggest deterrent to redeveloping the remaining portion of the New York Streets Project area is the fact that most of the prospective redevelopers were concerned about the poor condition of the adjacent areas\*

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the services of an Administrative Assistant would be very helpful in carrying out the administrative operations of the Authority and accordingly recommended for consideration the name of Robert F. Curtis.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to employ Robert F. Curtis as an Administrative Assistant at a salary of \$6500 per annum as of January 4, 19&D,

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the Regional Office of URA has stated that the previous votes taken with respect to the retention of the firm of Wasserman & Salter as collection agents were not adequate and that the Regional Office recommended some revisions in the proposed contract with this collection agency.

The Executive Director informed the Authority about the qualifications and experience of this firm in collection matters. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to make the following findings with respect to Wasserman & Salter;

(a) that the contractor is qualified legally and by experience to perform the services to be provided in accordance with the contract; (b) that 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 for services of equivalent scope and quality, and (c) that it is in the best interests of the project, because of the extensive experience of this firm, that the contract be awarded to this firm without consideration of other bids or proposals, and further, that the proposed contract as revised in accordance with the recommendations of the URA be approved and that the Chairman be authorized to execute same.

The Executive Director stated that the General Counsel had recommended retaining special counsel to handle the litigation concerning the Whitney Redevelopment Project. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to retain the firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould as special counsel in connection with the "Whitney Street litigation.

(Mr. McCloskey left the meeting at this point.)

The Executive Director submitted a request from the John J. Duane Company for permit to burn from January 4th to January 15th, inclusive, under the same conditions as previously stipulated. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the request by the John J. Duane Company for permission to burn from January 4th to January 15th, inclusive, under the same conditions as previously stipulated.

The Chairman discussed the possibility of an escrow agreement vs a safe deposit box in connection with the \$100,000 securities posted by Charles River Park Inc. under the Lease Agreement, On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman and Executive Director be authorized to arrange for an escrow agreement with the First National Bank to act as custodian

of the \$100,000 collateral and to periodically advise the Authority on the market value of same.


The Executive Director presented to the Authority copies of a City Council Order approved by the Mayor concerning the disposition of the second and third portion of the Whitney Street Project. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the General Counsel to contact the attorneys for Thomas O'Connor & Company and Leatherbee & Company in order to prepare the lease agreements for portions 2 and 3 of the Whitney Street Project for consideration by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

  
Secretary