

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 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 October 29, 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. F. J. Lally James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Stephen E. McCloskey	Joseph W. Lund

The minutes of the meeting of October 22, 1958 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that he had interviewed applicants for the purpose of assigning a social worker to the West End Site Office. This matter had been discussed with the officials in the Regional Office and the appointment of a social worker had been approved for one year.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to appoint a social worker for the West End Project, subject to the approval in writing from the URA Regional Office.

The Executive Director brought up the subject of the negotiation for the larger institutional or semi-public parcels in the West End Project. After a discussion by the Authority, it was agreed that special parcels in the West End should be negotiated by the General Counsel and Land Acquisition Consultant directly and no option negotiator would be retained for these parcels.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that he had conferred with the Land Acquisition Consultant and the General Counsel concerning the fee for the probable acquisition appraisal of the Whitney Street Redevelopment Project and that it was their judgment that \$750 per man for each of the two appraisers was a realistic fee. On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that George Judkins and Joseph A. Moran be authorized to prepare probable acquisition appraisal reports for the Whitney Redevelopment Area in the amount of \$750 for each appraiser, and that the Chairman be authorized to execute a contract for both appraisers in that amount.

The Executive Director read a City Council Order proposed by Councilor Foley and adopted by the Council concerning an urban renewal project under Title I of the Federal Act for the Fenway-Northeastern University area.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table the order pending a review and report on the area.

v The Executive Director submitted a weekly report to the Authority on the progress of demolition and relocation in the priority areas.

The Vice Chairman reported to the Authority on the results of a visit in Washington in connection with the Government Center Project, and that Mr. Franklin Floete, Administrator of the General Services Administration, had requested a statement in writing from the Authority establishing the intent of the Authority to officially carry out the Government Center Project as an urban renewal project.

The Executive Director read an extract from the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 1958, in which the Authority had unanimously voted to undertake the Government Center Project when the plans are completed by the City Planning Board.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority reiterate its intention to undertake the Government Center Project as voted on January 11, 1958 and that the Vice Chairman be authorized to transmit in writing to the Administrator of the General Services Administration an official statement to that effect.

The Executive Director read an announcement from the HHFA regarding a land disposition and redevelopment conference sponsored by the Regional Office for Thursday, November 20, 1958.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman and Executive Director be authorized to attend the conference.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the meeting of November 5, 1958 be cancelled and that there would be no regular meeting the week of November 2d.

✓ The Executive Director submitted a report on West End Site Tenant Stephen Makarow, 136 Brighton Street, Boston. The foregoing tenant is a single-person family, gainfully employed, in good health, has been very uncooperative and in addition is six months' delinquent in use and occupancy payments, resulting in an arrearage of \$300.00\*

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

VOTED: that Stephen Makarow be evicted and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the sheriff's warrant for eviction.

The Executive Director made a verbal report on Councillor Foley's order concerning the possibility of acquiring from the Federal Government the land in back of the Fargo Building, South Boston, for an urban redevelopment industrial project.

Under existing Federal surplus property legislation, surplus land can be given to municipalities for hospital or educational use only. A special act

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in Congress would be required to obtain this land for redevelopment.

The Executive Director was instructed to prepare a written report and an answer to the Council Order for consideration of the Authority.

The Executive Director reported that Victor Gruen & Associates had completed and submitted to the Authority the revised Redevelopment Plan, Maps and Documentation containing the revisions requested by the staff of the Authority as a result of consultation with Professor Howard of Adams, Howard and Greeley, Planning Consultants to the Authority.

Pursuant to a discussion of the revised Redevelopment Plan and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

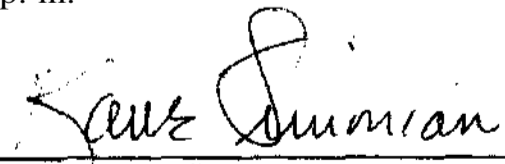
^^ VOTED: that the Revised West End Redevelopment Plan prepared by Victor Gruen & Associates in accordance with the instructions of the Authority after consultation with the firm of Adams, Howard & Greeley, be and hereby is approved and that the Executive Director is authorized to submit an application to the Regional Office of the URA to revise the Redevelopment Plan in accordance with the Revised Redevelopment Plan as **approved.**

At 11:20 a.m. Mr. Jerome Rappaport and Mr. Theodore Shoolman of Charles River Park, Inc., appeared before the meeting to discuss the types of apartments and proposed rentals for the West End Project. After a discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting be held, after the Chairman returns, to discuss the proposed project. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 1958 at 3 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p. m.

  
Secretary