

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON SEPT. 25, 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 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 25, 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	Msgr. F. J. Lally
James G. Colbert	Melvin J. Maseucco (came in later)
Melvin J. Maesucco	

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 7:30 o'clock a.m. on Sept. 25, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

Sept. 22, 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 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 25th day of September, 1959.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of September 16th 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 the City of Boston Budget for 1960 would have to be submitted prior to October 1, 1959. After a discussion, the Executive Director was authorized to submit the Budget for the next year in the same amount as the 1959 Budget, except that the Contingencies figure in the Budget should be increased to \$10,000.

A letter from the Bricklayers' Union requesting a meeting with the Authority was noted and acknowledged.

(Mr. Massucco entered the meeting at this point.)

The Executive Director stated to the Authority that he had received the preliminary revised draft of the brochure from Caruso Associates and that Mr. Caruso requested a meeting with the Authority to discuss final form.

The Executive Director was instructed to bring in recommendations of appraisers for the Whitney Street Project at the next meeting.

The Executive Director reported to the Authority on the meeting with the Public Improvement Commission and informed the Authority of a request from the PIC that (1) the Mayhew School be acquired; (2) that the City of Boston be requested to maintain sewer and water connections in the project area until the new utilities are installed, and (3) that the Authority execute an agreement with the Edison Company permitting access to the steam lines for maintenance purposes while the property was in the ownership of the Authority. The Public Improvement Commission indicated that when these conditions are complied with, the existing streets will be discontinued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to comply with the above conditions and the agreement with the Edison Company was approved for execution by the Chairman, subject to review by the General Counsel.

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The matter of leasing the West End Project land to Charles River Park, Inc. was discussed and tabled until full membership of the Authority was present.

A Council Order by Councillor Foley re a permanent redevelopment committee in the Boston Real Estate Board was noted and tabled.

A communication from Councillor Foley to the Members of the Authority concerning a proposed Resolution to be introduced in the City Council by Councillor Foley was discussed by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to invite the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Rehabilitation and Renewal and other Councillors who are interested to attend the Authority's meeting of September 30th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the West End Project.y\*\*^

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Massucco, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Boston Redevelopment Authority file suits for libel in the amount of \$500,000 against Maurice Gordon of 400 Waverly Avenue, Newton and in the amount of \$500,000 against Joseph Abrams of 70 Marshall Street, Brookline for libelous and slanderous allegations directed against the Boston Redevelopment Authority and impugning its motives in connection with the selection of a site for a proposed new \$27 million dollar Federal Building to be erected as part of the Government Center.

The Authority discussed the advisability of preparing a press release on the suits for libel against Mr. Gordon and Mr. Abrams and it was agreed to prepare a press release for immediate release. Accordingly, a release was prepared and after a review by the Authority it was approved in the form attached to these minutes.

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Massucco, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel for the Authority be directed to engage special counsel to represent the Boston Redevelopment Authority in the actions brought for Mr. Maurice Gordon by Attorney Joseph Abrams.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the Revised Redevelopment Plan for the West End, including the text, has to be published in one integrated document for submittal to URA and that two bid proposals for 500 copies have been received, as follows: A. T. Johnson, Company, Inc., \$865.00, and Buck Printing Company, \$13151.00.

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The Plan contains 44 pages of text and 11 reductions of maps; printed cover with picture,

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to engage the A. T. **Johnson Company, the lower bidder.**

A letter from Gus<sup>1</sup> Packing Lot was tabled.

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

The Executive Director reported to the Authority on his conference with Thomas O'Connor Company and Leatherbee Associates re the redevelopment of the second and third portions of the Whitney Redevelopment Project. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that every effort be made to select the redevelopers for these two portions and to obtain written commitments for Section Two and Three of the Project at the earliest possible date so that the project may be expedited to as great a degree as possible.

The Executive Director distributed reports from the Site Office concerning site tenants.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED; to authorize the Executive Director to issue eviction warrants for the eviction of the following tenants: Mary Bordenaro and Charles Dusevitch.

The Site Office Reports on hardship cases were reviewed by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive the rent arrearage for the following tenants in the following amounts and to authorize relocation payment to these tenants on the grounds of hardship: Joseph Drago, 8 Minot Street, \$117.00; Anna Pantel, 31 McLean Street, \$45.00.

A letter from J. L. Hayden Associates in connection with the West End engineering survey dated September 17, 1959 was distributed and noted.

The Executive Director submitted a Table of Organization for the Whitney Project as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Project Manager	James Dazzi	\$ 7,000	\$ 500
Supervisor of Relocation...	Anna Mackay	5,500	-
Field Workers(3) .....	Rizzo-Buckman-Benson	4,200	-
Cashier-Clerk .....	Mangini	4,500	300
Relocation Claims Examiner	Donovan	4,800	-
Steno-Clerk .....		3,500(Max.)	
Maintenance Supervisor..,	Terban	pro rated	
Maintenance Man .....	O'Donnell	1.80/hr.	

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the Table of Organization, effective when ordered by the Executive Director, and that the Executive Director be authorized to engage a Stenographer-Clerk as listed in the Table of Organization.

The Executive Director brought up the matter of meeting with the New England Medical Center officials, who previously wrote to the Authority requesting a meeting to discuss the South Cove Project which has been in abeyance. After a discussion of the possibilities for this project, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Government Center and other projects which are now pending before the Authority and the pressure of other business make it necessary to defer any action and the Executive Director was instructed to write to the Medical Center advising them that the possibilities of a project in this section are remote at the present time.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Kare Simonian