

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON JANUARY 27, 1960

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 January 27, 1960 . 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> |
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| Joseph W. Lund | Stephen E. McCloskey (came in later) |
| Msgr. Francis J. Lally | Melvin J. Massucco (came in later) |
| James G. Colbert | |

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 January 27, 1960 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

January 22, 1960

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 Jan. 22, 1960 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 27th day of January, 1960.

Kane Simonian
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of January 20, 1960 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director submitted proposals that had been received from the consultants for the Government Center as follows:

Candeub fe Fleissig, \$12, 000 for the final project report, plus \$1, 000 for the preparation of a survey and planning application; four weeks for the survey and planning application and ten weeks for the final project report;

Planning & Renewal Associates, \$7250 for the final project report, to be completed in ten weeks, plus thirty days after completion of acquisition appraisals, and \$1000 for the survey and planning application, to be completed in thirty days.

The Executive Director recommended the approval of the proposal from Planning & Renewal Associates and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the proposal from Planning & Renewal Associates, providing that the requirement for thirty days following completion of the acquisition appraisals is reduced to fourteen days.

The Executive Director was instructed to authorize Planning & Renewal Associates to commence on the above condition.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that Sanborn atlases and annual service was necessary for the operations of the Authority. The cost of a reconditioned set was quoted at approximately \$1500, with an annual charge of \$50 per volume for services to keep the set up to date. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to purchase the atlases and the annual service.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from the Chairman of the Real Property Board concerning the City-owned land in the proposed Mattapan project area.

The Executive Director was instructed to write to the Real Property Board, explaining the status of the project and requesting that the City refrain from selling the City-owned parcels until the Mattapan project matter is resolved.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from the Building Commissioner concerning the condition of the property at 379 Charles Street in which Mrs. Blood resides.

Inasmuch as the Building Commissioner stated in his letter that the property is structurally safe at this time and that periodic examinations of the property will be made, no further action by the Authority was necessary.

The request from Charles River Park, Inc. for approval of plans was rejected by the Authority without prejudice, to be resubmitted when the building locations are shown on an engineered map based on metes and bounds.

The request for approval of plans for Parcel J or J-1 by the Retina Foundation was reviewed by the Authority and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Redevelopment Plan.

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

The Authority discussed a letter from the firm of Gesmer and Geller, attorneys for Walton's Lunch, together with architect's sketches of the renovations proposed if Walton's property is allowed to remain. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman and Executive Director set up a meeting to discuss the plans more in detail with Walton's Lunch and with the South End Hardware Company, who are also in a similar situation.

A letter from the Administrator of the General Services Administration was tabled pending the results of the meeting between His Honor, Mayor Collins, and the Administrator.

Site Office reports were distributed. On the recommendation of the Site Office because of the hardship involved, and on motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive the rent arrearage and approve relocation payment for Jenny Loftus, 83 Chambers Street.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to evict Domenic Spinale, 25 McLean Street, and the Executive Director be authorized to issue the eviction warrant.

The General Counsel reported to the Authority on litigation that has been commenced against the Duane Company and the Authority because of the burning in the West End project area.

A letter from Nordblom Company concerning the feasibility of eliminating the retained buildings in the New York Streets project area was read and noted.

The Executive Director reported to the Authority that His Honor, Mayor Collins, had requested the Executive Director to accompany him to a State House hearing in favor of the Governor's proposal to pay for one-half of the local share of project costs.

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

The Executive Director distributed copies of the 1959 Annual Report containing a narrative description of the Authority's activities and financial statements showing the condition of all the project accounts.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the Annual Report and to transmit copies of the same to His Honor, the Mayor, the State Auditor and the Chairman of the State Housing Board in compliance with the provisions of Section 26U, Chapter 121 of the General Laws.

The General Counsel informed the Authority that the terms of the Agreement for the sale to the Retina Foundation required the Authority to provide title insurance. The General Counsel recommended that the title insurance be furnished by City Title Insurance Company of New York.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

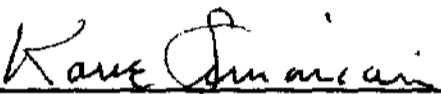
VOTED: to instruct the General Counsel to authorize City Title Insurance Company of New York to provide title insurance on the Retina Foundation parcel.

The Executive Director presented a final work copy of the brochure prepared by Charles Caruso Associates. After a discussion of some minor changes, the Executive Director was instructed to contact Caruso Associates for the necessary changes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.


Secretary