

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MAY 7, 1958

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular meeting at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 1958. 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	None
Very Rev. Msgr. F. J. Lally	
James G. Colbert	
Melvin J. Massucco	
Stephen E. McCloskey	

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 30, 1958 were read by the Secretary, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

The Executive Director stated that the meeting with Charlesbank Homes had been cancelled and that Messrs. Furlong and Morgan had requested a meeting with the Authority on May 14, 1958. The Authority agreed to confirm the appointment.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to ratify the action of the Executive Director in the following matters:

1. authorizing a police detail at the site office, West End, as needed during the rent collection periods;
2. engaging the services of the U.S. Trucking Company for picking up bank deposits from the site office;
3. purchasing vault for site office, West End;
4. purchasing an Underwood bookkeeping machine;
5. rental of Verifax machine for three months and purchase of same;
6. authorizing the placement of hold-up insurance for the West End site office;

The Chairman reported to the Members on the conference with the Police Commissioner concerning adequate police protection in the West End area. Present at the meeting were the Police Commissioner, the Police Superintendent, Counsel for the Police Commissioner, the Police Captain from Station 3, covering the West End area, and the Chairman, Executive Director and General Counsel for the Redevelopment Authority. As a result of the conference, the Police Commissioner agreed that the police station covering the West End area should be alerted to the potential police problems which may arise and that additional police protection would be worked out. The possibilities of paid police detail was discussed in general in connection with the demolition contract. Counsel for the Police Commissioner, General Counsel for the Authority and the Chief of Development were instructed to look into the matter of paid police detail during demolition and to work out the arrangements.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to ratify the placement with American Universal Insurance Company of an insurance binder on public liability insurance for the West End Project until such time as proposals are received and an award is made for this insurance for a fixed period.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize Mr. John Hallisey, Site Office Manager, to employ two additional maintenance men at \$1.70 per hour.

On the recommendation of the Executive Director it was unanimously

VOTED: to employ Frank Baker<sup>Jr.</sup> as a field worker, Site Office, at \$3900 per year, effective immediately.

The disposition of Parcel J to the Retina Foundation was tabled until a meeting could be arranged with their representatives and the Authority.

The Authority discussed the Adams, Howard & Greeley report on the proposed changes in the West End Redevelopment Plan.

The Executive Director reported to the Authority on the New York conferences with the URA officials.

The following matters were tabled:

letter from Col. Paul Hines re Parker Hill;

letter from Federation of South End Settlements;

discussion of South Cove Project;

letter from First Realty Corporation re Government Center.

The Chairman reported to the Authority on a meeting held with members of the Jamaica Plain Rehabilitation Committee. The meeting was requested by the above group for the purpose of bringing about an urban renewal project in the Jamaica Plain area.

The Secretary introduced and read a "Resolution Providing for Payment of Relocation Payments to Business Concerns, U. R. Mass. 2-3".

After a discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED: to adopt said Resolution as introduced and read.

(The foregoing Resolution is filed as Document No. 25 in the Document Book of the Authority.)

The Chairman read a letter from the Boston Housing Authority containing a list of 57 West End site families who have already been certified as eligible and sent to various housing projects for assignment as vacancies occur. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should acknowledge and thank the Housing Authority for its cooperation.

The General Counsel advised the Authority that the Building Commissioner was very much concerned about the existence of several abandoned hazardous buildings in the West End area. The Commissioner urged the Authority to remove these structures immediately because of the dangerous conditions. The General Counsel advised the Authority that the buildings could be demolished by the Authority only after compliance with existing Federal procedures, which would mean considerable delay. The General Counsel further advised the Authority

that the Building Commissioner should not, as a matter of law, treat the Redevelopment Authority any differently than any other private land owner, and this being the case, the Commissioner should proceed forthwith under his own powers to demolish any unsafe building and then place liens on the land for the cost of demolition, which liens would become encumbrances on the title and would be paid by the Redevelopment Authority at the time of settlement for the parcel with the former owner.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the recommendations of the General Counsel and to instruct the General Counsel to notify the Building Commissioner of the same.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Fire Commissioner be contacted and that a conference be arranged with him with the objective in mind of taking every precaution possible to minimize the fire hazards which exist in the West End Project Area.

At this point in the meeting Jerome L. Rappaport, S. Pierre Bonan and Theodore J. Shoolman of Charles River Park, Inc., /Mr. Gene Tannen of Victor Gruen Associates entered the meeting to discuss the proposed changes in the West End Redevelopment Plan.

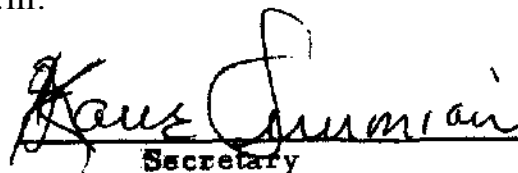
On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: that the Executive Director be instructed to consider William Shea for any vacancy for which he is qualified.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

  
Secretary