

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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 September 17, 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	Joseph W. Lund
James G. Colbert	Stephen E. McCloskey
Melvin J. Massucco	(came into meeting later)

The minutes of the meeting of September 3, 1958 were read by the Secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

(At this point, Mr. McCloskey entered the meeting.)

The Executive Director discussed the 25th anniversary conference of redevelopment officials October 12-15, 1958 in San Francisco. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to attend the conference to represent the Authority.

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

VOTED: that the appointment of Lloyd Sinclair be approved as Planner-Coordinator at \$8500 per annum, effective date of employment to be determined by the Executive Director.

The Executive Director read the announcement of the Chamber of Commerce tour on September 26, 1958. After a discussion by the Members, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director notify the Chamber of Commerce that the Authority voted to request a postponement of the tour until such time as decisions which are imminent on future projects have been made and public relations problems with respect to the local governing body have been resolved.

The Executive Director distributed a letter from Cronin & Gartland with respect to the insurance for the West End, which letter discussed the results of a joint conference with the insurer, the broker, the insurance specialist from the Washington office of the HHFA, Mr, Dickerman, and the Assistant Director of the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table this matter until the next meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

The Executive Director reported on the results of the advertisement in the Boston papers for listing of vacant apartments to assist in the relocation of West End families. It was agreed that the results were gratifying and that advertising in local weekly papers would also be productive.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Director was authorized to advertise when necessary in local weekly papers for additional listings,

v The Executive Director reported on the results of the meeting with the Chairman of the Park Department and the City Planning Board officials with respect to a potential renewal project in the South End of Boston for recreational purposes. The meeting was very satisfactory and all parties concerned were in full agreement that this type of project was desirable in the South End. The conference adjourned with the understanding that it would be continued after the Planning Board had made planning studies of the South End to determine and recommend the best possible location for a project.

The Executive Director distributed and read a letter from Thomas J, Diab & Son which contained an offer to purchase for \$30,000 the Mattapan

Project land for redevelopment in accordance with the Authority's plans. The letter contained an offer to deposit a certified check in the amount of \$30,000 when conditions of the Sales Agreement are agreed upon*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to contact Mr. Diab and discuss and negotiate terms and conditions of sale for consideration by the Authority,

The Executive Director brought up the matter of evictions for rent-delinquent tenants and for tenants who create nuisances and fail to cooperate*

The Executive Director presented the case of James Jananis, 49 Poplar Street, with respect to whom there have been complaints from the Health Department, Police Department and also a letter of complaint from an attorney who lives next door to said tenant. The report of an investigation from the Site Office established the fact that this man is apparently an alcoholic, lives in a state of filth, and because of the accumulation of trash, his premises have deteriorated into a fire hazard. The attorney-neighbor alleges indecent behavior and other immoral actions on the part of this tenant.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to evict James Jananis of 49 Poplar Street and to sign the eviction warrant.

A further discussion of evictions took place, following which the Executive Director was instructed to prepare for the Authority for each case recommended for eviction a complete dossier of the family, including ages, number of children, whether or not delinquent in rent and whether previous offers of relocation have been made.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the payment to the HHFA of \$71,011, Audit Inspection Fees, in connection with Project UR Mass, 2-3.

(At this point in the meeting, the Vice Chairman asked to be excused to attend another engagement.)

Mr. Colbert then took over the chair.

The General Counsel informed the Authority that the sponsors of the Whitney Renewal Area recently notified him that they had incorporated under the name of the Boston Redevelopment Corporation, which, in the opinion of the General Counsel, should not have been sanctioned or approved by the Secretary of State because of the similarity in name and function to this Authority.


After a discussion of the matter, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be authorized to: (1) notify the sponsors of the Whitney Renewal Area that the Authority objects to the name of the Boston Redevelopment Corporation because the similarity in names will cause confusion; (2) look into the legal rights of the Authority with respect to the use of this name and report back to the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.


Secretary