

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON FEBRUARY 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 February 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	None
Very Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lally	
James G. Colbert	
Melvin J. Massucco	
Stephen E. McCloskey	

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 9:30 a. m. on February 25, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

February 25, 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 February 20, 1959, 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 20th day of February, 1959.

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Kane Simonian  
Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1959 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to proceed with the election of officers, in accordance with the By Laws of the Authority.

Mr. Joseph W. Lund was nominated for the office of Chairman, and on motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the nominations were closed. After a vote was taken, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was declared to be unanimously re-elected to the office of Chairman.

The Very Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lally was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman and upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the nominations were closed. After a vote was taken, the Very Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lally was declared by the Chairman to be unanimously re-elected to the office of Vice Chairman.

Mr. James G. Colbert was nominated for the office of Treasurer, and on motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the nominations were closed. After a vote was taken, Mr. James G. Colbert was declared by the Chairman to be unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

Mr. Stephen E. McCloskey was nominated for the office of Assistant Treasurer, and upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the nominations were closed. After a vote was taken, Mr. Stephen E. McCloskey was declared by the Chairman to be unanimously re-elected to the office of Assistant Treasurer,

The Executive Director stated that the Regional Director, Mr. Charles J. Horan of the New York office had called inquiring as to a <sup>^</sup>c<sub>i</sub>s<sub>i</sub>o<sub>n</sub> Q<sup>^</sup> the Mattapan Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to schedule a special meeting, tentatively set for March 9, 1959\* to discuss the Mattapan Project exclusively.

The Executive Director read a letter from the Valmont Homes, Inc., concerning the Mattapan Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table the letter.

The Executive Director presented the matter of requesting reimbursement from the URA for relocation payments made to former site tenants of the New York Streets and West End Projects.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to request a relocation grant payment under the New York Streets contract in the amount of \$11, 233.11 and a relocation grant payment under the West End contract in the amount of \$134, 968. 77.

The Executive Director read a letter from Dr. Thomas Giblin, Chairman of the South Boston Rehabilitation Committee concerning a potential project in the South Boston area.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct the Executive Director to contact Doctor Giblin and obtain further information from him and report to the Authority.

The Executive Director distributed letters from Mr. J. L. Rappaport, Counsel for Charles River Park, Inc., containing financial information concerning the investors in Charles River Park, Inc.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman contact counsel for Charles River Park, Inc. and request additional financial information with respect to the investors of said Corporation.

A letter from Charles River Park, Inc. concerning a request to arrange for leasing of the West End land as an alternative was distributed and read.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table the letter.

Relocation and Demolition Reports on priority areas were distributed, A relocation report as of January 31, 1959 was distributed.

The General Counsel, John C. Conley, brought up the question of need for additional trial attorneys to assist in the trial of land damage cases in litigation on a per diem basis. On the recommendation of the General Counsel and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be authorized to engage trial attorney® on a per diem basis.

The Executive Director presented maps, exhibits and abstract of information concerning the two potential renewal projects in the Roxbury district of Boston for discussion by the Authority. The Executive Director also presented a Resolution entitled "Resolution of Applicant Requesting the Reservation of Capital Grant Funds, Approving the Undertaking of Surveys and Plans for an Urban Renewal Project, and the Filing of an Application for Federal Advance of Funds". Said Resolution authorizes the advance of \$150,000 in order to prepare surveys and plans in the Roxbury district of Boston and described as follows:

in the Roxbury District of Boston, beginning at the intersection of Townsend Street and Warren Street, westerly on Townsend Street to Washington Street, northerly on Washington Street to Dudley Street, easterly on Dudley Street to Warren Street, southerly on Warren Street to the point of beginning.

Said Resolution was read and discussed, after which, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt said Resolution as read. (Copy of the foregoing Resolution is filed as Document No. 50. in the Document Book of the Authority.)

The Executive Director presented a Resolution entitled "Resolution of Applicant Requesting the Reservation of Capital Grant Funds, Approving the Undertaking of Surveys and Plans for an Urban Renewal Project, and the Filing of an Application for Federal Advance of Funds". Said Resolution authorizes the advance of \$295,000 in order to prepare surveys and plans in the Roxbury and Dorchester districts of Boston and described as follows:

in the Roxbury and Dorchester Districts of Boston, beginning at the intersection of Washington and Dudley Streets, easterly on Dudley Street to the Midland Division of the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford RR, southerly in the Midland Division to Geneva Avenue, northwesterly on Geneva Avenue to Columbia Road, southwesterly on Columbia Road to Blue Hill Avenue, northerly on Blue Hill Avenue to Seaver Street, northwesterly on Seaver Street to Columbus Avenue, northwesterly on Columbus Avenue to Washington Street, northeasterly on Washington Street to the point of beginning.

Said Resolution was read and discussed, after which, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt said Resolution as read. (Copy of the foregoing Resolution is filed as Document No. 51 in the Document Book of the Authority.)

Mr. McCloskey left the meeting at this point.

The Executive Director presented a memo from Mr. William J. Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, concerning accounts receivable for rental arrearage in the New York Streets Project. The memo contained a list of 290 accounts showing a total balance of \$10,860.39. Also attached to the memo was a letter from the collection agency, Wasserman & Salter, explaining the efforts at collection.

The firm of Wasserman & Salter had been engaged in 1957 to collect a total of 303 residential accounts with balances amounting to \$11,112.31. After repeated efforts, the collection firm made collections on only 18 accounts in the sum of \$251.92. The Executive Director recommended that the Authority waive the list of 290 delinquent accounts presented to the meeting in the

amount of \$10, 860. 39. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: (1) that all steps toward collection had been made in accordance with the Authority's policies; (2) that there is no reasonable prospect of collection; (3) that the total of \$10, 860. 39 on the 290 accounts be charged off as uncollectable.

The above-mentioned list of 290 accounts and amounts is filed as Document No. 52 in the Document Book of the Authority.)

The matter of a brochure was brought up and selection of a firm to prepare the brochure was discussed. Following a discussion of the proposal made by Charles Caruso & Associates, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be instructed to submit the proposal by Charles Caruso & Associates to the regional office for concurrence of the URA in accordance with the requirements of the Manual.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Karl J. Main