

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON MARCH 11, 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 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 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	
Very Rev. Msgr. F. J. Lally	Stephen E. McCloskey
James G. Colbert	(came into meeting later)
Melvin J. Massucco	

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 March 11, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

March 6, 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 March 6, 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 6th day of March, 1959»

Kane Simonian
* Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1959 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director stated that the City Council Appropriations Committee had scheduled a hearing on the Authority budget for March 12, 1959 at 3:30 p.m.

The Executive Director reported that the Chamber of Commerce had plans for publishing brochures and other material concerning the urban renewal program under the direction of Mr. Thomas McDermott, General Manager, Sears Roebuck, and Daniel Ahearn of the Chamber of Commerce staff. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Mr. McDermott and Mr. Ahearn be invited to attend the meeting of the Authority on March 25, 1959 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the matter.

Mr. McCloskey entered the meeting at this point.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director arrange for a meeting with the City Planning Board and proposed Government Center project consultants on Friday, March 20, 1959 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the present status of the Government Center plans.

Relocation and Demolition Reports on Priority Areas were distributed.

The Executive Director presented reports from the Site Office concerning two tenants who are in arrears on their use and occupancy charges and who have been uncooperative. On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED that the following two tenants be evicted and the Executive Director be authorized to sign the sheriff's warrant for their eviction:

Dr. Paul Black, 14 Poplar Place; Hubert Dreyfus, 14 Poplar Place.

The Executive Director presented reports from the Site Office on a present tenant and former owner, Domenica Puopolo, 70 Allen Street. The memo from

the Site Office disclosed that this is the only tenant left in a structure containing ten apartments, because of which the fuel bills and electric light bills for the hallways have been excessively high. The report states that this tenant is very uncooperative and unreasonable as to settlement for the property.

After a discussion, on the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel review the land damage case and attempt to make a pro tanto offer, if possible, and the Executive Director be authorized to evict said family if an attempt at settlement fails and if this family refuses to accept suitable accommodations elsewhere.

The Executive Director presented several cases of former owners who are present tenants in priority areas with whom negotiations have been unsuccessful for settlement of the land damage cases. After a discussion of these cases, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be instructed to file motions for speedy trial for each of these cases in the priority areas.

The Executive Director presented a request for a periodical progress payment, No. 3, John J. Duane Company, under the West End demolition contract in the amount of \$65, 884. 90. The requisition for payment has been approved by the project inspectors, Chief of Development and Executive Director.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the above-mentioned payment.

The Chairman reported on the status of meetings with the Boston Edison Company and Charles River Park, Inc. with respect to the matter of easements for the steam lines in the project area.

A letter from Charles River Park, Inc. , dated February 20, 1959» concerning a leasehold of the West End project area as an alternate for purchase was presented to the meeting by the Executive Director. After a discussion of the advantages and factors involved in a leasehold as an alternate, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel prepare the necessary agreements for review and consideration of the Authority.

The Executive Director reported to the Authority on information he had gathered from various sources with respect to the estimated costs for a brochure and cited two proposals which had been received: from Charles Caruso fit Associates, in the amount of \$5400 and the Keating Advertising Company in the amount of \$6200.

The Executive Director further reported on the results of his conferences with these two firms with respect to their experience and qualifications in general. After a discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

yOTED: (1) to approve the proposal by Charles A. Caruso Associates, subject to the URA approval; (2) that in contracting for the services, the guide form contract approved by the URA be used, which contract will include the scope of services and compensation contained in the proposal; (3) that on the basis of the information presented to the Authority, the contractor is qualified by experience to perform the services to be provided in accordance with the contract, and (4) that on the basis of adequately documented supporting data presented to the Authority, the compensation to be paid the contractor is fair and proper under all the circumstances and at a rate not in excess of what is customarily paid in the locality for equivalent services.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kaye D. ...", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Secretary" is printed in a serif font.

Secretary