

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON APRIL 1, 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 April 1, 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 James G. Colbert	Melvin J. Massucco (came into Stephen E. McCloskey (meeting later)

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 April 1, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

March 27, 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 27, 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 27th day of March, 1959.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of March 25th were read by the Secretary.  
On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the City Council Committee on Redevelopment and Renewal has scheduled a meeting on the Roxbury Renewal Project for April 16th at 8 p.m. at Roxbury Memorial High School. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Members of the Authority should be present, together with the Executive Director and key personnel of the Authority.

The Executive Director announced that the Norfolk House was holding its annual dinner on April 22, 1959 and it had been requested that the Authority be officially represented. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Director should attend.

The Executive Director reminded the Authority that a meeting with Mayor Hynes had been scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 1959, in connection with the problem of the new school location for the West End Project.

The Executive Director announced that a meeting had been scheduled by the Public Improvement Commission at 2:00 p.m. April 2d in connection with the utility problems on the West End Project.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from the New York Regional Office approving the formula for downgrading of rents due as accounts receivable for the New York Streets Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to put into effect the formula for downgrading the rents as approved by URA.

The Chairman reported on a luncheon meeting with Nelson Aldrich, Talcott Banks and others re the extension of the Government Center or West End Project areas to include land for a new opera building. After a discussion

of the subject, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the representatives of the Opera Group be informed that (1) the area was not suitable for an opera house, in the judgment of the Authority, and (2) that in the judgment of the Authority it is not feasible to consider the undertaking of a project for the clearance of land to be donated without cost to the Opera Society.

The Executive Director read a telegram from Gene Tannen, Victor Gruen Associates, and distributed copies of a report from Wallace B. Orpin concerning the same. It was unanimously agreed that the matter should be tabled until the letter referred to in the telegram was received from Mr. Tannen.

Mr. McCloskey entered the meeting at this point.

A memo from Lloyd Sinclair re community organizer was distributed and the matter was tabled.

Demolition and Relocation Reports on priority areas were distributed. Site Office reports concerning West End site tenants were distributed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to evict F. Waystaff, 17 North Russell Street, and the Executive Director was authorized to issue an eviction warrant.

Mr. Massucco entered the meeting at this point.

The Executive Director reported that a resolution would be necessary in connection with filing an Amendatory Contract on the West End Revised Redevelopment Plan.

The Executive Director read a Resolution entitled Resolution of the Boston Redevelopment Authority Authorizing the Filing of an Amendatory Application for Loan and Grant for Project No, U.R. Mass. 2-3., which was presented to the meeting. After a discussion of the Resolution, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the above entitled Resolution be adopted as read.

(The foregoing Resolution is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 55.)

At 11:40 a.m. Mr. Daniel Ahearn of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Thomas McDermott, General Manager of Sears Roebuck, entered the meeting to discuss a promotion program for the purpose of informing the general public on the elimination of slums and blight. The proposed program is called "Beat Back the Blight" and is to be undertaken with private funds. The endorsement of this Authority was requested.

After a discussion, it was generally agreed that the Authority would endorse the program, provided that an official representative of the Authority be appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee of the group, which group would approve the material before publication and distribution.

Mr. Ahearn and Mr. McDermott left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

At 12:20 Mr. Donald Graham and Mr. Seward Webber of the Planning Board entered the meeting to discuss the Government Center Project. Probable boundaries, land re-use, size of project and other problems in connection with the project now being studied by the consultants were included in the discussion. It was further agreed that another meeting be held between the Authority and the Planning Board before the consultants finalize the Re-development Plan for the project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

  
Secretary