

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON SEPTEMBERS, 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 September 16, 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
Msgr. F. 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 ten o'clock a.m. on Sept. 16, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

September 16, 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 Sept* 16, 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 16th day of September, 1959.

Kane Simonian
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of September 2, 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 distributed copies of letter from Maurice Henkin, Columbia Development Corporation, and Thomas O'Connor & Company, Inc., who have indicated an interest in redeveloping the remainder of the "Whitney Redevelopment Project Area"

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to contact these potential redevelopers, confer with them and report to the Authority*

The Executive Director presented a letter from Duane Company requesting permission to resume burning on the West End site.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Duane Company be given permission to burn for a two-week period from September 17 to September 30, inclusive, under the same terms and conditions previously approved.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Nyman H. Kolodny, Attorney at Law, specializing in conveyancing. Mr. Kolodny's letter, contained a proposal for furnishing the title abstracts for the Whitney Street Project. The General Counsel for the Authority stated that the terms and conditions of the proposal were reasonable and not in excess of what is customarily charged for equivalent services.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the proposal and to instruct the General Counsel to prepare an appropriate contract containing the terms and conditions of the proposal for execution by the Chairman*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the next regular weekly meeting of the Authority be held on Friday morning, September 25th, 1959, at 9:30 a.m.

The Executive Director discussed the personnel requirements for the "Whitney Street Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Director was instructed to prepare a table of organization for the Whitney Street Project*

The Executive Director presented Site Office reports concerning hardship cases in the West End. After a review of the report and on the recommendation of the Executive Director, it was unanimously

VOTED: that because of the hardship involved in these cases, rent arrearages for; the following site tenants in the following amounts be waived and that relocation payments be authorized for the same:

Ignazio Costanza, 60 Leverett St., \$158.40; Mary Imperator, 48 Poplar St., \$316.80; Jeanette Olsen, 25 Eaton St., \$350.00; Joseph Repici, 20 Eaton St., \$160.00.

Report on relocation of families as of 8/31/59 was distributed.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that there is a meeting scheduled before the Public Improvement Commission on Wednesday, September 23, 1959 at 9:30 a.m. on the discontinuance of existing streets and the laying out of new rights-of-way in the West End Project; and also that there is a hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustments on the same day at 2:00 p.m. re zoning change required by the Revised West End Redevelopment Plan.

The Executive Director presented a list of commercial site tenants in the West End who are in arrears on use and occupancy charges and who have been very uncooperative with the Site Office.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: (1) to evict the following tenants and authorize the Executive Director to issue eviction warrants; (2) to authorize the Executive Director to assign the following cases to Wasserman & Salter for collection: Italian American Grocery, Beacon Hill Watch Repair, Tedesco Plastics Co., Custom Shoe Co.,

New England Prepared Foods Co., Pink Dahlia Restaurant and West End T. V. Company.

The Executive Director stated that Thomas Kerrigan of the Accounting Department is performing his duties in a highly satisfactory manner and is a qualified accountant. On the recommendation of the Executive Director, it was unanimously

VOTED: to change the classification of Thomas Kerrigan from Auditor Clerk at \$4800 to Accountant at \$5750 per annum, effective September 16th, 1959» in keeping with the salary rate established for this position in the Comparability of Salaries Survey adopted by the Authority.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter dated September 11, 1959 from Walter Fried re license for temporary use of project land for parking by the Massachusetts General Hospital. The letter approved the issuance of the license subject to certain minor conditions.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to amend the proposed agreement with the Massachusetts General Hospital to contain the conditions requested by the URA and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the license when revised.

The Executive Director stated that the URA officials had suggested that the Authority request the URA to transfer all the portions of the earmarked reservation requested for the Roxbury Renewal Application now in stand-by status for one or two smaller clearance projects.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to write to the Regional Office requesting the above transfer.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter dated September 1, 1959 from Walter Fried, Regional Administrator re the Revised West End Re-development Plan. The Authority discussed the contents of the letter at length. Mr. Colbert presented a Resolution prepared and recommended by the General

Counsel entitled "Resolution re Sufficiency of Local Determinations Approving West End Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan", which was read in full and discussed by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the above-mentioned Resolution as read.

(Copy of the Resolution is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 75.)

The Executive Director presented to the Authority a memo dated September 14, 1959 from Robert E. McGovern, Land Acquisition Consultant, who had been instructed to review the Revised Redevelopment Plan as adopted by the Authority previously, including the Land Use and Controls in the Revised Plan.

After a review and discussion of the above-mentioned memo, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to concur in the recommendation of the Land Acquisition Consultant that the changes in the Revised Plan do not affect the re-use value of project land*

(The above-mentioned memo is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 76.)

The Executive Director stated that an engineering survey for the Whitney Street Project will be necessary in order to prepare for the order of taking when the project is approved by the State Housing Board.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Director was instructed to invite proposals.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.


Secretary