

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 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	Stephen E. McCloskey
Msgr. F. J. Lally	
James G. Colbert	
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 October 7, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By ZS^U-^VV>i^.|VU AJU.

October 2, 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 October 2, 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 7th day of October, 1959.

Kane Simonian
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of September 30th 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 a letter from John Murray, Director of Demolition for the City, concerning a demonstration rehabilitation project of eight properties in Charlestown now owned by the Real Property Board. The Executive Director was instructed to prepare a report for the next meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to file Requisition No. 3 for Relocation Grant Progress Payment in the amount of \$46, 870.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to file Requisition No. 4 for Capital Grant Progress Payment in the amount of \$912, 647.

The Executive Director distributed Site Office report on the case of Robert Schneider, a hardship case.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive the rent arrearage and authorize relocation payment to Robert Schneider of 54 Chambers Street on account of hardship.

Site Office reports on Thomas Valenti and the Sinclair Rooming House were reviewed by the Authority. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to evict and issue the eviction warrants for Peter White, operating the Sinclair Rooming House at 9 1/2 Leverett Street, and Thomas Valenti of 17 Lowell Street.

The Authority discussed the possibility of extending the New York Streets Project with or without Federal financial assistance and the possibilities of obtaining Federal financial assistance for the Government Center Project under the recently enacted Housing Bill. The Executive Director was instructed to

ascertain the availability of Federal funds and investigate the cost of preparing plans for the New York Streets extension project under the Federal Title I or under City of Boston financing.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the URA had requested a second appraisal on the strip of land in front of the Blackstone School. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize Joseph A. Moran to make the second appraisal at a fee not to exceed \$500 and to make the following findings:

(1) The selected appraiser possesses qualifications justifying an expectation that he will furnish appraisal report on which the Local Public Agency and HHFA can act with confidence and that he will be able to support his conclusions capably in the event of investigation or court proceedings;

(2) The appraiser does not have any interest, present or prospective, that could impair his ability to furnish impartial reports or raise questions as to their impartiality or fairness;

(3) The compensation to be paid is fair and proper under all the circumstances and is at a rate which does not exceed what typically would be paid in the locality for equivalent services, based on the compensation that has been and is being paid by others for similar services;

(4) The contract with the selected appraiser will best serve the interest of the project, with due regard for, but not primary consideration of, the objective of holding the expense to a minimum;

and further, that the Chairman be authorized to execute contract with said appraiser.

A report from Robert E. McGovern on recommendations for appraisers for the Whitney Street Project was tabled for review.

The General Counsel recommended the appointment of Harry Williams as a trial attorney to be added to the list of attorneys on land damage cases, West End.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Harry Williams as a trial attorney on the same fee schedule as previously voted on June 24, 1959 and to make the following determinations: (a) that the foregoing is qualified legally and by experience to perform the services to be provided in accordance with the contract

and (b) the compensation to be paid the contractor is fair and proper under all the circumstances and at a rate not in excess of that which is customarily paid for services of equivalent scope and quality, and (c) that it is in the best interests of the project that contract be awarded to the foregoing attorney without consideration of bids or proposals.

The Executive Director distributed a copy of a letter from John J. Duane Company dated October 6, 1959 requesting permission to burn for two more weeks under conditions stated in the letter. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize Duane Company to burn for a two-week period, October 8th to October 21st, inclusive.

The Executive Director reported on his meeting with the Federal Housing Administration and staff re the Mattapan Project.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a telegram sent by the officers of the Construction and General Labor Union, Local 22.


On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table the consideration of the telegram until Mr. McCloskey, labor member of the Authority, was in attendance at the meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.


Secretary