

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MARCH 29,1961

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 March 29, 1961. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lally James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Stephen E. McCloskey	Joseph W. Lund

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 9:30o'clock a.m. on March 29, 1961 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

March 23, 1961 Title: Secretary

CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING

I, Kane Simonian, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, do hereby certify that on March 23,1961 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 29th day of March, 1961.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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Messrs. Logue, Conley and Graham attended the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 1961 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 addressed to the attention of Mr. McCloskey from the United Packinghouse, Food and Allied Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 575. This Union is being displaced from its headquarters on Hanover Street because of the Government Centex project and is seeking to buy an abandoned firehouse on Southampton Street, which is now under the control of the Real Property Board, City of Boston. Inasmuch as the abandoned firehouse is in a renewal study area, the Real Property Board is withholding this parcel from sale until such time as clearance is received from the Authority. Mr. Donald Graham stated to the Authority that there are no plans presently or in the immediate future affecting this location and could see no objection to its being released by the Real Property Board for sale to the Union.

On motion made by Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mr. Colbert, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct the Executive Director to notify the Real Property Board that the Authority has no interest in withholding said property from sale.

Copies of a periodic progress report from Phoenix Urban Corporation on the progress of Complex 1-A, West End, were distributed and filed.

Copies of a letter from Fine and Ambrogne, counsel for P & P Realty Company, dated March 22, 1961, were distributed, containing a request from P & P Realty for a formal vote of the Authority designating this firm as redevelopers for the Harvard-Western Redevelopment project. During the discussion it was noted that if the Brighton project is to be carried out with Federal funds, there will have to be published a public disclosure by redevelopers in compliance with the Federal Housing Act of 1949.

Mr. Logue recommended that no commitment be made with the redevelopers until all the plans for the proposed project are prepared in one "package".

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct the General Counsel to contact Fine & Ambrogne, counsel for P & P Realty, for the purpose of preparing the publication required in compliance with the Federal Housing Act so that it will be ready at the appropriate time.

Site office reports were distributed.

Because of hardship, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive rent arrearage in the amount of \$565.00 and authorize a relocation payment for Robert McLean, 652 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury.

Because of hardship, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive use and occupancy charges amounting to \$385 for Joseph Ruffino, formerly of 34 McLean Street, West End, presently a Wasserman & Salter collection case.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that there were four former owners of property in the Whitney project who were not paying use and occupancy charges and who had refused to sign an agreement for deduction at the time of settlement.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the following tenants be advised by the Project Manager that failure to pay use and occupancy charges or refusal to sign an agreement for the deduction of same at the time of settlement will result in eviction; and further that the Executive Director is authorized to evict the following tenants for failure to comply with the above: Edward Kenney, Robert Fitzsimmons, Patrick Forde, Guiseppe Damore.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Berton S. Fliegel, Social Worker, be authorized to attend the National Social Welfare Conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 14-19) with travel allowance and at no loss in salary.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Jerome L. Rappaport dated March 27, 1961 concerning proposed changes in Complex 1-A.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that he would submit a complete report and recommendations at the next meeting of the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the matter of a skeleton force on Good Friday be left to the discretion of the Executive Director,

Mr. Logue recommended that the Authority held a public hearing on the "early acquisition" law in compliance with the General Laws.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to hold the public hearing on April 24, 1961 at 7:00 p.m., Room 436 at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Executive Director was authorized to insert the notice in the CITY RECORD and to arrange for newspaper publication.

Attorney General Edward McCormack Jr. entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and discussed the Prudential Application and the findings required to be made by the Authority in connection with the approval of the Application.

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Massucco, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the planning staff survey the Prudential site and the surrounding area for changes since 1955 in the conditions at the site and in the structural and housing conditions surrounding the Prudential site.

These surveys and studies were ordered by the Authority, pursuant to the suggestions of the Attorney General, for the purpose of ascertaining complete information in connection with the consideration by the Authority of the Application by the Prudential Insurance Company and in connection with the findings required under the General Laws.

Mr. Logue recommended the employment of three technical personnel in connection with the renewal program.

On motion by Mr. Massucco, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was unanimously

VOTED: to appoint the following personnel at the following rates, classifications and effective dates:

