

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON MAY 17, 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 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 1961. 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> |
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| Msgr. F. J. Lally | Joseph W. Lund |
| Stephen E. McCloskey | Melvin J. Masaucco {came in later} |
| James G. Colbert | |

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 May 17, 1961 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By *[Signature]*

May 12, 1961 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 May 12, 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 17th day of May, 1961.

Kane Simonian
Secretary

Messrs. Logue and Conley attended the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of May 10, 1961 were read by the Secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

(Mr. Massucco entered the meeting at this point.)

The Executive Director presented a bill from G. L. Hayden Associates in the amount of \$6390.73 for services rendered in connection with the West End project. Mr. Wallace Orpin, Chief Engineer of the Authority, had certified that the services had been rendered satisfactorily in accordance with the contract.

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

VOTED: to authorize payment of \$6390.73 to J. L. Hayden Associates.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a bill from Lyne, Woodworth & Evarts in the amount of \$5500 in connection with the suit brought by the Executive Director against the Authority, et al.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel be instructed to contact the above firm and the other firms representing the defendants for the purpose of obtaining an itemized bill showing the cost per hour for services rendered and the amount of hours spent preparing the case.

A letter from Charles River Park, Inc. dated May 10, 1961 was distributed, requesting an extension of time for the delivery of Parcel 1-B for ninety days.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to table the matter for one week.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Augustus Mantia, proprietor of Fruit Orchard, Inc. and Gus¹ Parking Lot on the corner of Staniford and Cambridge Streets, requesting consideration for the temporary use of project land on Cambridge Street between Chambers and Staniford Streets for parking purposes until such time as that parcel is needed for delivery to the redeveloper.

The Authority discussed the temporary nature of the proposal and the need for off-street parking for Beacon Hill residents, Hospital personnel and visitors. The Executive Director reported that it was virtually impossible to prevent trespassing by illegal parkers on the vacant lots in the West End area without the expenditure of excessive sums of money for paid police detail or guards or the installation of chain link fences, guard rails or other barricades. The Executive Director pointed out that there had been hundreds of trespassers driving over the former sidewalks and curb lines of the vacated blocks in order to obtain free parking in the area and that because of Charles River Park construction and Retina Foundation construction it was difficult to distinguish between the cars of the construction workers and the trespassers.

The Executive Director stated that after a discussion with the Real Estate Officer, it was agreed that it was extremely difficult to appraise the value of this parcel for temporary parking use such as is requested. The Executive Director also pointed out that His Honor, Mayor Collins, and the former Traffic Commissioner had requested the Authority to allow the West End project to be used for parking for the Beacon Hill residents, particularly during the bad weather, in order to relieve the congestion on the Hill and to make it possible for fire equipment to serve the area efficiently. The temporary parking facilities under temporary license to Mr. Mantia on the corner of Cambridge and Staniford Street would have to be vacated shortly because of the plans for the widening of Staniford Street.

The letter contained Mr. Mantia's proposal stipulating that special rates would be provided for Beacon Hill residents and for Hospital personnel as well as all-day parkers.

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

VOTED; that the Authority approve the proposal from Augustus Mantia at the maximum amount offered (\$1000 per month) and under the conditions in the proposal, and further, that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a license to Augustus Mantia d/b/a Cambridge Street Parking Company, revocable on thirty days' notice, and further, that the Authority

give assent to the application of Augustus Mantia, d/b/a Cambridge Street Parking Company, for a parking permit with the City of Boston.

The Executive Director presented a request from the Department of School Buildings for the use of land on Staniford Street for parking. The matter was tabled.

Mr. Logue stated that he and Mr. Graham had a meeting scheduled to confer with the General Services Administration in Washington, D. C. on the Federal site.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize their travel on May 17, 1961.

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

VOTED: to authorize transportation expenses for Peter P. Riemer, of Falls Church, Virginia, to come to Boston to be interviewed by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the following appointments:

William O. Adams, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as Development Specialist in the Development Department at \$8,000 per annum, effective May 17, 1961;

Edith D. Hershoff, of Newton, Massachusetts, as Secretary in the Development Department at \$4500 per annum, effective May 31, 1961.

On the recommendation of Mr. Logue and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Mr. William E. Riney for appraisals for the Government Center project.

Mr. Logue distributed a memo dated May 17, 1961 re the position of Deputy Development Administrator, attached to which was a resume of Mr. Ellis E. Ash. The Development Administrator stated that Mr. Ash was in town and available for interview before the meeting adjourned. Mr. Ash was called and appeared at the Authority meeting. The Members of the Authority questioned Mr. Ash on his experience and background.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p. m.


Secretary