

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MARCH 16, 1960

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 March 16, 1960 . 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
Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. J. Lally	Melvin J. Massucco (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 March 16, 1960 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

March 10, 1960 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 10, 1960 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 March, 1960.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of March 9th 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 report from Berton S. Fliegel, Social Worker, containing a summary of activities in relocation for six months.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a report from John Hallisey, Site Office Manager, concerning William Freeman, a Field Worker in the Site Office. Mr. Hallisey's report showed that this employee has been uncooperative and undependable and the quality of his services has not improved after repeated warnings from the Site Office Manager. The employee also has had excessive absenteeism requiring the advance of twelve days<sup>1</sup> additional sick leave during 1959. Since repeated warnings did not bring any results, the employee was docked for absence a total of eleven days since June of 1959.

The Executive Director concurred in the recommendation of the Site Office Manager that this employee be dismissed for the above reasons.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that William Freeman be discharged effective March 18, 1960 at 5:00 p.m. for the following reasons: (1) excessive absenteeism with and without pay; (2) lack of dependability; (3) failure to improve performance of duties after warnings from superiors; (4) failure to cooperate with superiors in carrying out of duties.

The General Counsel recommended an increase in salary for Thomas F. Hanley, Assistant Counsel.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to increase the salary of Thomas F. Hanley from \$7500 per annum to \$8400 per annum, effective March 16, 1960, and further that the new salary is in keeping with the prevailing salaries for comparable positions in the locality.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Henry F. Bryant & Son requesting an extension of time on the Whitney Street engineering survey because of the recent storm.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to extend the completion date for contract with Henry F. Bryant & Son for the Whitney Street project to March 25, 1960.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that in order to continue temporary parking arrangements with the Massachusetts General Hospital in the West End project land, it would be necessary that the Authority seek a temporary variance of the zoning requirements from the Board of Appeal of the Building Department, since the present zoning requirement is restricted to residential use only.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the filing of an appeal for a temporary variance with the Board of Appeal of the Building Department in connection with the West End project land proposed to be temporarily used by the Massachusetts General Hospital for parking.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that Freedom House representatives had requested a meeting with the Authority to discuss the community organizer problem. The Executive Director was instructed to notify Freedom House that the Authority would meet with its representatives on Wednesday, March 23d at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Massucco entered the meeting at this point.

Site Office reports were distributed. After a review of the reports and on motion duly made and seconded and on the recommendation of the Site Office, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the following site tenants be evicted because of rent arrearage and lack of cooperation with the Site Office: Joseph Sarno and Chester Cappucci, and further, that the Executive Director be authorized to issue the eviction warrants on behalf of the Authority.

The matter of carrying out the planning studies for the Washington Park project by contract with the City Planning Board was discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct the Executive Director to contact Donald Graham, Administrator of the Planning Board, and invite him to attend the next meeting

of the Authority on March 23, 1960 at 11:00 a.m. together with other representatives of the Planning Board for the purpose of discussing a possible contract to perform the Washington Park planning studies.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that Housing and Home Finance Agency had set an approved maximum option price for the purchase of the Blossom Street Robert "White Fund building. The Chairman was authorized to discuss the matter of the acquisition of the "White Fund Building with His Honor, Mayor John F. Collins, who is Chairman of the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund.


The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter dated March 14, 1960 addressed to Mayor John F. Collins from Administrator Franklin Floete re the Government Center, which was discussed.

At this point the following representatives of the United Community Services entered the meeting to discuss possibilities of providing for community organizer services for the Washington Park project through the Roxbury Community Council under contract with the UCS: Messrs. Smith, Ciampa and Melroy. Lloyd Sinclair of the BRA staff was also present at this discussion.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

  
Secretary