

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON SEPT. 21, 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 September 21, 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	Msgr. Francis J. Lally
James G. Colbert	
Melvin J. Massucco	
Stephen E. McCloskey	

A copy of the NOTICE OF MEETING, pursuant to Section Z3A 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 September 21, 1960 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

September 15, 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 Sept. 15, 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 21st day of September, 1960.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of September 7, 1960 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 a letter from Charles River Park, Inc. dated September 15, 1960 requesting permission to use land adjacent to Complex A in the West End for the storage of construction material during the construction of Complex A.

The Chief of Development, Wallace Orpin, was instructed to prepare a report for the Authority's consideration with respect to the effect of the use of the land on the Massachusetts General Hospital parking and the construction of utilities, etc.

A letter from the City Auditor was distributed containing three certified public accounting firms recommended for an audit of City of Boston funds. The Executive Director was instructed to contact the three firms and receive proposals for consideration by the Authority.

A letter from the Prudential Insurance Company in answer to the Chairman's letter was distributed and read.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Lloyd Sinclair be authorized to attend the A. I. P. conference in Philadelphia October 23d-27th without loss of pay but at his own expense.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials subcommittee, requesting that Berton Fliegel, Social Worker, attend the NAHRO conference and serve on the subcommittee. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Berton Fliegel be authorized to attend the NAHRO conference October 2d to October 5th, 1960, in Detroit without loss of pay and with per diem and travel expenses paid.

A letter from General Services Administrator Franklin Floete was distributed and read, together with the Chairman's answer thereto.

The General Counsel reported that the President of the Senate, Senator John Powers, had agreed to suspend rules to file a bill for the early acquisition of the Government Center and Whitney Projects.

The Executive Director submitted a list of appraisers recommended by the Land Acquisition Consultant in conference with the Chairman for appraisal of Government Center properties. The Land Acquisition Consultant was instructed to contact the recommended appraisers to determine which of them were available to do the work for consideration by the Authority at the next meeting.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that Change Order No. 1 for the Duane Company, West End Demolition Contractor, which had been approved by the Authority at the meeting of August 31, 1960, had not been executed because of the omission of the provision concerning police detail. The Executive Director and the Chief of Development recommended that Change Order No. 1 be amended prior to its execution to release the Duane Company from the obligation to provide police details during the period of extension. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Revised Change Order No. I for the John J. Duane Company be approved.

(The aforementioned Revised Change Order is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 115.)

On the recommendation of the Treasurer and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the First National Bank of Boston be designated as depository for the Boston Redevelopment Authority Revolving Fund.

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VOTED: to designate the Merchants National Bank as depository for the Boston Redevelopment Authority Planning Account.

Site Office Reports were distributed. The Site Office had recommended the eviction of Russo's Shell Service and Gas Station on Cambridge Street by October 17, 1960, which is the date that adjacent buildings will be released for demolition. The continued operation of this gas station would seriously hamper the demolition activities and will create hazards.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Russo Shell Service and Gas Station be evicted and that the Executive Director be authorized to issue the eviction warrant on October 17, 1960.

On the recommendation of the Site Office and because of hardship involved, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive rent arrearage and authorize relocation payment for the following: Ellen Tutela and John Carroll; and to waive rent arrearage for Jennie McLaughlin, Rosemary Sforza and Mary Knight.

West End Project Manager John Hallisey recommended that the services of William Courtney, Maintenance Man, be terminated effective September 23, 1960 because of a reduction in work. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to terminate the services of William Courtney, Maintenance Man, West End Site Office, effective September 23, 1960.

A letter to the Chairman from Henry L. Shattuck with respect to the playgrounds in Castle Square area was read and distributed.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a memorandum agreement with Public Works Commissioner Haley concerning the site improvements in the West End Project.

A letter from Commissioner David Walker to the Executive Director was distributed, in which Commissioner Walker thanked the Authority for its assistance in providing information concerning elderly housing and for its prompt transmittal of same.

Relocation Progress Report, West End, as of August 31, 1960 was distributed.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter which he had received from the Senator John F. Kennedy for President Headquarters, inviting the Executive Director to meet with a Committee of other Executive Directors and officials in Pittsburgh on October 10, 1960 to discuss urban renewal problems for the purpose of advising Senator Kennedy as to what has to be done about these issues.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the General Counsel had given a preliminary opinion that this seemed to be in violation of the Hatch Act.

The matter was discussed by the Authority and it was the consensus of opinion that attendance would be in violation of the Hatch Act.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

  
Secretary