Senate Bill 316

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CHAPTER 220

AN ACT to amend 66.431 (5) (a) 6 and (6) (b) 3 of the statutes, relating to blight elimination and slum clearance.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

66.431 (5) (a) 6 and (6) (b) 3 of the statutes are amended to read:

66.431 (5) (a) 6. The chairman of the authority or the vice chairman in the absence of the chairman, selected by vote of the commissioners, and the executive director or the assistant director in the absence of the executive director is authorized to execute on behalf of the authority all contracts, notes and other forms of obligation when authorized by at least 5 4 of the commissioners of the authority to do so.

(6) (b) 3. Approval of a redevelopment plan of a project area by the authority may be given only after a public hearing conducted by the authority and a finding by the authority that such plan is feasible and in conformity with the general plan of the city. Notice of such hearing, describing the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing and generally identifying the project area, shall be given by publication at least once during each of 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the city, the last publication to be at least 20 10 days prior to the date set for the hearing. In addition thereto, a notice shall be served at least 20 days prior to the date set for the hearing on the proposed redevelopment plan of the project area upon a notice shall be transmitted by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each owner of real property of record within the boundaries of the redevelopment plan in the same manner as a summons is served. If such owner cannot be found after diligent search, within the county in which such project is located or the contiguous counties, . If transmission of such notice by certified mail with return receipt requested cannot be accomplished, or if the letter is returned undelivered, then notice may be given by posting the same at least 20 10 days prior to the date of hearing on any structure located on the property; or if such property consists of vacant land, a notice may be posted in some suitable and conspicuous place on such land. Such notice shall state the time and place at which the hearing will be held with respect to the redevelopment plan and that the own-'s property might be taken for urban renewal. For the purpose of ascertaining the name of the owner of record of the real property within such project boundaries, the records, at the time of the approval by the redevelopment authority of the project boundaries, of the register of deeds of the county in which such property is located shall be deemed conclusive. Failure to receive such notice shall not invalidate the plan. A sheriff's An affidavit of service mailing of such notice or posting thereof filed as a part of the records of the authority shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the giving of such notice. All interested parties shall be afforded a full

opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed plan at such public hearing, but the hearing shall only be for the purpose of assisting the authority in making its determination and in submitting its report to the local legislative body. Any technical omission in the procedure outlined herein shall not be deemed to invalidate the plan. Any owner of property included within the boundaries of the redevelopment plan and objecting to such plan shall be required to state his objections and the reasons therefor, in writing, and file the same with the authority either prior to, at the time of the public hearing, or within 15 days thereafter, but not subsequently thereto. He shall state his mailing address and sign his name thereto. The filing of such objections in writing shall be a condition precedent to the filing of a petition under sub. (7) (a) commencement of an action to contest the right of the redevelopment authority to condemn the property under s. 32.06 (5).

Approved August 18, 1965.