

**Providence Tourism Council
Minutes to Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2005**

Attendance:

**Present: Paul Brooks, Jim McCarvill, Jack McConnell, Dan Peterson.
Tina Harlow & Bela Teixeira**

Absent: Herb Cummings, Kevin Cameron, Rick Pacheco, Kathy Schnell

Also Present: Susan DeBlasio, Susann DellaRosa, Cliff Wood, Lynne McCormick, representatives from the CVB Brian Whiting, and Terry Gallagher from Lou Hammond & Associates, and representatives from RISD Museum and the Biltmore Hotel.

Call to Order:

Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. On behalf of the PTC, Mr. McConnell thanked Tina Harlow and the Biltmore Hotel for their generosity and hospitality.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. McConnell introduced the minutes. A motion to accept the

minutes from the May 18, 2005 Board Meeting was made and unanimously approved.

Grants Committee:

Paul Brooks notified the PTC of the fast-track grants that the Grants Committee awarded. The following fast-track grants in the listed amount are to be debited in the current fiscal year:

- 1. Visit from the Freedom Schooner Amistad - \$5000**
- 2. Providence Preservation Society - \$5000**
- 3. Providence Street Painting Festival - \$5000**

Mr. Brooks announced the following Grant Committee recommendations requiring Board Approval for '05-06:

- 1. Trinity Rep "Dinner and a Show" - \$15,000**

A motion to approve the grant was made by Paul Brooks and seconded by Bela Teixeira. Mr. McConnell recused himself from the discussion and vote on the Trinity Rep grant (he is a member of the Board of Directors of Trinity). All others present voted in favor. Grant approved.

- 2. RISD Museum of Art - Edgar Degas Exhibit - \$25,000**

A wonderful presentation was made by the Museum about the upcoming exhibit. A motion to approve the grant was made by Dan Peterson and seconded by Bela Teixeira. All present voted in favor. Grant approved.

Report from Lou Hammond & Associates

Terry Gallagher from Lou Hammond and Associates made a presentation about their company, the work they have done for the PTC, and their vision for their future work. A discussion ensued about the work of the public relations firm.

Finance Report:

Monthly statements for June, July, and August were submitted by Susann Della Rosa who explained the error by the State of Rhode Island with the percentages and the corrections made in August.

Old Business

None

New Business:

Next Meeting - December 14, 2005

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made and approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.