

**Providence Tourism Council  
Minutes to Board of Directors Meeting  
May 17, 2006**

**Revised July 12, 2006**

**Attendance:**

**Present: Jack McConnell, Paul Brooks, Bela Teixeira, Jim McCarvill,  
Scott Barger, Kevin Cameron.**

**Absent: Rick Pacheco, Kathy Schnell, Tina Harlow**

**Also Present: Susan DeBlasio, Susann DellaRosa, Lynne McCormick**

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman McConnell called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**The minutes of the December 14, 2005 and September 14, 2005  
meeting were approved upon motion and a unanimous vote.**

**Chairman's Report:**

**1. On behalf of the PTC, the Chair thanked McCormick & Schmick for hosting today's meeting. Their community spirit and generosity are appreciated.**

**2. The PTC also thanked Herb Cummings whose term has ended. His outstanding commitment to the community was noted and is much appreciated.**

**3. The Chair acknowledged the outstanding contribution of PTC member, Dan Peterson, from the Providence Marriott. Dan is leaving Providence for a new job in Minnesota. Dan has been a great member and will be missed. His replacement as the Marriott's representative is Scott Barger who was warmly welcomed.**

**4. The Chair discussed the letter he sent to the acting chair of the PWCVB concerning the two agreements in existence between the PWCVB and the PTC. A copy is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. A discussion ensued with the PTC reaffirming its desire to work cooperatively with the PWCVB while at the same time ensuring that we not become merely a bank. The PTC further affirmed its desire to make sure that a coordinated branding process for Providence be implemented as soon as possible.**

#### **Finance Report:**

**The Chair presented a report of the finances of the PTC (see**

attached). Before the end of the fiscal year, upon motion the Board voted unanimously to authorize the payments for destination Providence (\$35,000); the \$15,000 previously approved for downtown markets; \$25,000 for 4th of July fireworks; and the grants as authorized below.

The Board voted unanimously to write off the very old accounts receivable totaling \$10,139.47 on the PTC's balance sheet as uncollectible.

#### **Grant Committee:**

Paul Brooks, Chair of the Grant Committee, reported on three fast-track grants approved by the Grants Committee:

- 1. Cox Charities Cycling Classic \$5,000**
- 2. AS220 Foo Fest \$5,000**
- 3. New England Choral Festival \$5,000**

Further, Paul presented the following Grant Committee recommendations for PTC approval:

- 1. RI International Film Festival \$10,000**
- 2. Providence Preservation Society \$10,000**
- 3. RISD Museum - Wunderground \$15,000**
- 4. RI Pride Summer Celebration \$15,000**

- 5. First Work Kids \$25,000**
- 6. Sound Session '06 \$30,000**

**Upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Ms. Teixeira, the grants were unanimously approved.**

### **Old Business**

**Ms. Della Rosa asked that the PTC vote to allow her to engage the accounting firm of Aaronson, Lavoie Streitfeld, & CO., PC to do a compilation report without an audit for FY04 and FY05 and an audit for FY06, all pursuant to the contract previously entered with Aaronson, Lavoie Streitfeld, & CO., PC after a competitive RFP process.**

**Motion to authorize the above was made by Jack McConnell, seconded by Bela Teixeira, and unanimously approved.**

### **New Business:**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 12:00 noon at the Providence Marriott.**

### **Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn was made and approved and the meeting**

**adjourned.**