

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE
DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE**

April 25, 2006

A meeting of the Dunkin Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as “Authority”, the “CCA” or the “Board”) was held on April 25, 2006, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were, Committee Co-Chairs, Bernie Buonanno and Dave Gavitt, Commissioners, David A. Duffy, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald, Jerry Massa, and Joe Judge.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Kerrie Bennett and Betty Sullivan, Convention Center Authority; Bob Cappalli and Larry Lepore, SMG/DDC; Tim Muldoon and Debbie Tuton, SMG/RICC; Steve Duvel and Larry Bacher, Gilbane; Steve Duethman, Ellerbe Becket; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Robert Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office; James Pontarelli, House Fiscal Staff, and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would be held on May 23, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Noting that the minutes of the March meeting had been distributed,

Mr. Buonanno sought a motion to approve.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Massa it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. McCarvill to discuss the issue of an Owner's Rep for the renovation project. Mr. McCarvill said that a revised RFP, with a more limited scope, would be issued by the end of the week and we would have a recommendation for the May meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore and Mr. Cappalli to report on the Dunkin' Donuts Financial Statement. Mr. Lepore reported that ancillary income was up and that attendance at events has been very good. Mr. Massa asked Mr. Lepore if type of event had any bearing on the success of recent events. Mr. Lepore said that because of high gas prices people are staying closer to home and attending family events. He also noted that the association with Ticket Master has worked very well. Mr. Lepore said that he is cautiously optimistic for the future.

Mr. Judge expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lepore for arranging an award ceremony on the ice for Rhode Island high school hockey players receiving Hobey Baker Awards.

Mr. Massa noted that he had heard very good things about the way

the building looked for the Michael Bublé concert. He said he was informed that it looked like a Vegas nightclub. Mr. Lepore thanked the Convention Center staff for assisting in the preparation for the concert. He said that tables and chairs were borrowed from the Convention Center.

Mr. Duffy asked when the Dunkin' Donuts Center would close for the renovations. Mr. Lepore stated that the building would close following the bull riders event in June and re-open on October 13th. Mr. MacDonald asked if the seats were being replaced during this round of construction. Mr. Lepore said that they would be replaced in the final phase because we do not want the new seats damaged while the rest of the facility is being renovated.

Mr. Buonanno reported that Steve Duethman's flight had been delayed but that he was in route from the airport.

Mr. Duffy asked if the scoreboard had been ordered. Mr. McCarvill said that SMG is moving forward with the board and it would be ordered by May 1st. Mr. Gavitt asked what happens to the old scoreboard. Mr. Lepore said that Dactronics will take it apart. Mr. Duffy asked if it could be used in another venue. Mr. Lepore said that the old scoreboard is very large and probably could not be used although some of the components might have value. Mr. McCarvill stated that the old scoreboard has some salvage value.

Mr. Duethman arrived and reported and distributed the design development package, specifications and drawings. Conversations ensued regarding the distributed material. Mr. Duethman noted that a meeting with the City Planning Department would take place at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Buonanno asked Larry Bacher to address the committee on the Project Labor Agreement. Mr. Bacher explained the agreement. He said that the agreement covers work hours, holidays, etc. Mr. Bacher listed the major projects in the area operating under Project Labor Agreements. He said the agreement is a tool to optimize working in a union atmosphere. Mr. Bacher stated that the trades have agreed to four ten hour days. Conversations ensued on the merits of a PLA. Mr. Bacher explained that the agreement did not exclude non union contractors from bidding but that there are more hurdles to get over. Mr. Buonanno stated that he liked the idea of four ten hour days. Mr. Judge asked if the committee needed to take further action. Mr. Buonanno said that the committee should vote to recommend the agreement to the Board. Mr. McCarvill cautioned that the agreement could and possibly would be challenged. Mr. Duffy asked Mr. MacDonald if he felt that he needed to recuse himself from the vote on the PLA. Mr. MacDonald stated that in his opinion he did not. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Gavitt it was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend to the Board the approval of the Project

Labor Agreement as presented by Larry Bacher

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Massa and seconded by Mr. Judge it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.