

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

October 24, 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 October 24, 2006, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were, Co-Chairs Bernie Buonanno and Dave Gavitt, Commissioners, David A. Duffy, Marianne Corr, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald, Jerry Massa and Patrick Butler.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kerrie Bennett, Convention Center Authority; Larry Lepore and Bob Cappalli, SMG/DDC; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, John McGinn and Julian Raveneau, SMG/RICC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Steve MacDonald, Ahlborg, and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would be held on November 27, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Noting that the minutes of the September meeting had been

distributed, Mr. Buonanno sought a motion to approve. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the September meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore to address the committee. Mr. Lepore reported on the financial highlights of the Dunkin' Donuts Center. He noted that The Contender event went well although there was not a great deal of advertising and the ticket prices were high. Mr. MacDonald noted that he had attended the event and commended the security staff for doing a great job. Mr. Butler noted that he had also attended the event and noted that there were long lines at the concession stands. Discussion ensued regarding concessions and limiting the beer sales. Mr. Lepore stated that for insurance reasons the concessions limit the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Lepore said that the scoreboard is working well. He said that so far only the basic audio and visual are being used but for this weekend's events more graphics will be integrated. Mr. Lepore noted that the fire egress notice is played prior to the game and between each period. Mr. Massa stated that we should give some recognition to New England TECH for their work with the Hope High School students. Ms. Bennett said that the education reporter from the Providence Journal is interested in doing a story and that we are working on a plan to recognize their achievements. Mr. Lepore announced a new incentive with the Bruins, "forty four for 4" which

includes four tickets, four hot dogs and four sodas for \$44.00. Mr. Lepore reported on upcoming events. He said that the Cheetah Girls had sold out, Trans Siberian Orchestra's two shows were doing well and that Christina Aguilera should be a great attraction.

Ms. Bennett presented an update on the construction. She stated that bids for the next phase would be going out next week. Ms. Bennett said that repairs to the loading dock had been completed. Ms. Bennett reported that the construction team would be moving outside and that the site would be prepared for the foundations for the suites. Ms. Bennett noted that Ellerbe Beckett would be here at the end of the week. Ms. Bennett reported on the status of Public Art and the War Memorial stating that discussions on each were productive and ongoing.

Mr. Buonanno asked Steve MacDonald to report on value engineering. Mr. MacDonald said that there are a number of items that will be investigated. He said that the Architects are doing a good job with the drawings given the tight schedule and fast track bidding process.

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.