

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

**December 18, 2007**

**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 December 18, 2007, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Dale Venturini, Jeff Hirsh, Jason Fowler, David Duffy, Marianne Corr and Paul MacDonald.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Kerrie Bennett, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Debbie Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Dunkin' Donuts Center; Robert Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office; Benjamin Gedan, Providence Journal; Steve Duvel, Gilbane; Eric Ahlborg, ABM; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel, and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Duffy called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and announced that the next meeting would be held on January 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Duffy reported that Commissioner Gavitt was recovering well from his surgery and it was expected that he would be at home before long.**

Noting that the minutes of the November meeting had been distributed, Mr. Duffy sought a motion to approve. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Mr. Duffy recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore noted that the numbers for TSO were great. Mr. Duffy asked if we could expect their return for next year. Mr. Lepore stated the he is working on it and is hopeful that an agreement can be reached. Mr. Lepore reported that the John Melloncamp show had been cancelled by the promoter. Mr. Lepore stated that it is a credit to the act to have cancelled because the dangerous road conditions would have depressed attendance and added more vehicles to the already congested downtown area. Mr. Lepore noted that the promoter carries insurance in case of cancellation. Mr. Fowler asked how the insurance worked. Mr. Lepore responded that the insurance would cover the rental of the space and the labor but would not include lost revenues for food and beverage. Mr. Lepore noted that the fraud unit from the Attorney General's Office will be present at the Hannah Montana concert in the event that people have purchased bogus tickets. Mr. Duffy asked how you deal with mothers and daughters that show up without real tickets. Mr. Lepore said that it is devastating because there is no

place to put them due to the complete sell-out. Ms. Venturini thanked Cheryl Schadone for alerting the restaurant community about the impact the concert has had in other cities. Mr. Lepore announced that there will be a night of remembrance in March for the boy that passed away. The Providence Bruins will donate proceeds from the game to a scholarship fund set up in Patrick's name for a Coventry High School student. Mr. Lepore noted that Van Halen and Michael Buble will be performing at the venue later this year.

Mr. Lepore stated that there was an actual net income loss in November of (\$134,255) but that he expects improvement in the coming months. Mr. Lepore noted that the building was only open for two weeks. Mr. Duffy asked if Mr. Lepore could project the outcome for the rest of the year. Mr. Lepore predicted that the Bruins attendance will improve after the Patriot's season and Providence College basketball will draw better when they get into the Big East games. Mr. Lepore also stated that some expenses should be reallocated to construction costs.

Mr. Duffy asked Ms. Bennett and Mr. Duvel to update the Committee on the progress of the renovations. Ms. Bennett reported that work is in full swing on the suites. Mr. Venturini said that she had toured the building and was very impressed. Mr. Duvel distributed the project status report. He stated that there were savings on the camera platforms and the decision to use folding chairs rather than fixed seating in front of the dashers dramatically reduced the price of the

seating package. Mr. Lepore noted that the project is within budget. Mr. Duvel stated that the Providence Bruins and Providence College have distributed tickets to construction workers appreciation games. Mr. Duvel reported that the kitchen will not be complete prior to the suite opening. Mr. Duffy asked how food service will work for the suites. Mr. Duvel stated that the suite kitchen will be done. Mr. Lepore said that we can also use the Convention Center kitchen and bring the food over in warmers. Mr. Duffy asked Mr. Duvel to update the Committee on the electric issues. Mr. Duvel said that things are getting better and are under control. Ms. Bennett stated that she is working on an RFP for installation of the war memorial. She also stated that she is working on a punch list of items with SMG, Ahlborg and Gilbane. Mr. McCarvill noted that the Providence Foundation would be meeting at the Dunk on January 8th and would be touring the facility. Mr. Ahlborg distributed his monthly report which showed good progress and highlighted areas of ABM focus for the coming weeks.

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

**VOTED:** to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.