

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

**January 16, 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 January 16, 2007, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were, Co-Chair, Bernie Buonanno, Commissioners, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald, Patrick Butler, Jason Fowler, Dale Venturini, Marianne Corr and Dave Duffy.**

**Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Ken Mancuso, Convention Center Authority; Larry Lepore and Bob Cappalli, and Cheryl Schadone, SMG/DDC; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, SMG/RICC/DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Steve Duvel, Gilbane; Steve MacDonald, Ahlborg and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.**

**Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and announced that the next meeting would be held on February 20th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Noting that the minutes of the December meeting had been distributed, Mr. Buonanno sought a motion to approve. Upon a**

**motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously**

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

**Mr. Lepore introduced Nancy Beauchamp, the new Assistant General Manager of Finance for both facilities. Mr. Lepore noted that Ms. Beauchamp had been an Assistant General Manager of the Providence Civic Center. Mr. Lepore reported that the Dunkin' Donuts Center is \$336,000 positive to budget and negative \$378,000 to prior year. Mr. Lepore explained that the variance is due to the closing of the facility for three months for renovation. He noted that new labor contracts have had a positive effect on the variance. Mr. Lepore said that the Boat Show attendance was down a little. He said that because of the new ice dam and sub floor move in, move out took significantly less time. In the future the time savings will be taken into account and more events will be scheduled. Mr. Lepore was pleased to report that Elton John would be appearing at the Dunkin' Donuts Center on March 22nd.**

**Mr. Buonanno recognized Cheryl Schadone and asked her to address the Committee. Ms. Schadone distributed the suite package collateral material. Mr. McCarvill thanked Bruce Leach for his assistance with the lease agreement for the suites. Ms. Schadone explained that the suites would be leased for 3 ½ years at a cost of \$50,000 for each of the three years and \$20,000 for the ½ year. Ms. Schadone said that**

the price includes fifteen tickets to all PC Basketball and Providence Bruins Hockey games but excludes the NCAA tournament. Discussions ensued regarding access to concerts and other events at the facility. Ms. Schadone reported that three deposits had already been received.

Mr. Buonanno asked Steve Duvel to update the Committee on construction. Mr. Duvel reported that the work in the lobby should finish up this week. He noted that the warm weather had been greatly appreciated by the workers. He said that the pile driving for the connector would take place this week. Mr. Duvel then reported some issues with the bids for some mechanical components of the project. He stated that the bid documents were not interpreted in the same manner by all bidders. Mr. Duvel suggested that the bid documents be clarified and re-advertised. Mr. Butler asked why the contract would not be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. Steve MacDonald said that there are pros and cons to both options. Discussions ensued regarding the best approach. Mr. Duvel said that if the job is re-bid performance, efficiency requirements and acceptable manufacturers would be clarified. Mr. Butler said that in his opinion we should award the contract to the low bidder and work out additional scope as the job progresses. Steve MacDonald said that we could go that route. Mr. Leach was asked his opinion. Mr. Leach said that because the bid documents were unclear, either option would be acceptable.

**Mr. McCarvill reminded the Commissioners that the Public Art decision would be made on January 30th. He stated that if anyone wished to participate they were welcome to attend. He said that the final selection would be made by RISCA.**

**Mr. McCarvill reported that a meeting would take place tomorrow to discuss the GMP.**

**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 3:50 p.m.**