

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

November 17, 2009

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 November 17, 2009, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman Bernie Buonanno, Commissioners, Paul MacDonald, Jason Fowler and Jeff Hirsh.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Robert Cappalli, DDC; Kate Moulding, Local 217 H.E.R.E Bruce Leach, Legal Council and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

The Dunkin' Donuts Committee meeting resumed at 1:13 pm.

Mr. Buonanno noted that the minutes had been approved during the Convention Center Committee meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore to address the committee. Mr. Lepore reported that the Jay Z concert was doing very well. Mr. Buonanno asked what Providence College Basketball had done for

the weekend. Mr. Lepore responded that they had done better than expected. Discussions ensued regarding the makeup of the team. Mr. Lepore said that there energy to the team that is good to see and that they are fun to watch. Mr. Lepore reported on upcoming events. He said that TSO would be here this week and that although it is not a sell out the evening performance is doing well. Mr. Lepore noted that indoor car racing will be back and will have a NASCAR driver participating. He said that there will be a food drive with all donated non perishable goods going to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Mr. Buonanno asked if the Pops would sell out. Mr. Lepore answered that they would not.

Mr. Lepore reported that the Dunkin' Donuts Center now has two recycling machines. He said that Coca Cola provided the machines. Mr. Lepore reported that patrons that deposit the bottles and cans in the recycling machines will be eligible to win prizes and someone has already won. Mr. Fowler suggested that we advertise that there have been winners. Mr. Lepore said that arenas normally do not do a good job of recycling and that he hopes that the Dunk will lead the way.

Mr. MacDonald again asked if we had investigated solar. Mr. McCarvill was pleased to report that Ms. Sullivan has put a team together to investigate the possibility of using solar panels when we replace the roof. Ms. Sullivan noted that she has contacted companies to get there input. Mr. McCarvill said that we are on it.

Mr. Lepore reported that Wes Westley had received a letter from Brigadier General Horst saying that the Dunkin' Donuts Center was the best venue that they have performed in and that they are trying to find an opportunity to return.

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Ms. Moulding from Local 217 H.E.R.E asked to address the committee. She said that she wanted the Authority to be aware of the escalating conflict between the union and the Westin. She said that the union has concerns about the Authority using taxpayer money to fight the City of Providence ordinance. Mr. Buonanno thanked Ms. Moulding for her concern. Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 1:33 p.m.