

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

May 25, 2010

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 May 25, 2010, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Dave Duffy, Dale Venturini, Paul MacDonald, Patrick Butler, Jeff Hirsh and Jason Fowler.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kim Keough, RICCA; Tim Muldoon and Deb Tuton, SMG/RICC; Larry Lepore and Nancy Beauchamp, DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Duffy called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Mr. Duffy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Ms. Venturini it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

Mr. Duffy asked Mr. Lepore to address the committee. Mr. Lepore reported that the Dunkin' Donuts Center continues to do better than last year and better than budget. He cautioned that April will not be as profitable because there were no hockey or basketball games. Mr. Lepore noted that April is historically a slow month. Mr. Lepore stated that Stars on Ice attendance was disappointing. Mr. Duffy noted that Mohegan Sun has not slowed down in its pursuit of concerts. Ms. Venturini asked Mr. Lepore if he ever attends shows at Mohegan Sun. Mr. Lepore responded that he seldom goes to concerts. Mr. Hirsh inquired if the same agents place acts at Mohegan. Mr. Lepore explained the hierarchy of the three top agencies. He stated that the promoter deals with the agents who try to find the best deal for the act. Mr. Lepore said that we have tried to make this building a twelve month venue but it is almost impossible to do that with concerts. Mr. Lepore said that most performers want outside venues in the Summer. Mr. Lepore reported that the promoter for the Tony Corriera show was very pleased with the financial results of the concert. Mr. Lepore said that the promoter will be looking to bring other ethnic talent to the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Mr. Lepore reported that upcoming events include Drake, Walking with Dinosaurs, Aventura and the sold out Justin Bieber concert. Mr. Lepore reported that Disney on Ice will be here in September with a new product, Toy Story 3. Mr. Fowler asked why we will not have lady Gaga. Mr. Lepore noted that we are still on track for the second leg of Lady Gaga's tour. Mr. Lepore stated that he understands that several artists will be doing arena shows in the future.

Mr. McCarvill reported that we are waiting for City approval of the planned marquee. He said that the City requires a variance for moving signs. Mr. McCarvill noted that he will be meeting with Gilbane to discuss the repairs to the stairs. He also noted that there is a problem with water getting into the emergency generator. Mr. Butler asked what type of drainage system was used in the area. Mr. Duffy asked if the water was causing any immediate threat. Mr. Lepore answered that it was not but that the problem should be rectified.

Discussions ensued regarding a DAS (Distributed Antenna System) that has been proposed for the facility. Mr. Leach stated that he could see no justification for limiting the selection to only the firm that contacted us. He said that in his opinion we should go through the RFP process. Mr. Butler asked why that is necessary since we would be getting money not spending. Mr. McCarvill stated that we do not know enough about the technology and it would be helpful to have more time to investigate and to see what other opportunities are available as long as the process is not protracted. Ms. Venturini said that the technology is state of the art and that we should be out in front. Mr. Fowler suggested that we look into whether there could be health concerns for the employees.

Mr. Duffy asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Ms.

Venturini and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.