

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

**June 28, 2011**

**A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on June 28, 2011, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Dale Venturini, Bernie Buonanno and Jeff Hirsh.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kim Keough, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, DDC; Steve Habl, VETS; Michael Nugent, House of Representatives; Bruce Leach, Legal Council and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 1:58 PM.**

**Mr. Buonanno entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the May meeting**

**Mr. Buonanno recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore noted that for the month of May net income was \$62,468 to budget. He stated that the favorable variance for the month was due to solid performances by the Circus as well as strong food & beverage numbers. Mr. Lepore reported that year to date net income was (\$780,600) to budget through the month of May. He again commented that PC ticket sales were down and the weather did not cooperate. Mr. Lepore said that he is happy that this fiscal year is coming to an end. He said that it has been a very difficult year but that he thinks fiscal year 2012 will be much improved.**

**Mr. Lepore said that he continues to negotiate with the promoter for How to Train Your Dragon for the Summer of 2012. Mr. Buonanno asked if the Michael Buble Concert had been a success. Mr. Lepore said that it was a success but because he is a huge hockey fan from Vancouver the start time for the concert was moved to 7:00 PM, the scoreboard was lowered, there were televisions on stage and he left the stage very quickly. Mr. Lepore noted that he had heard very few complaints from the audience. Ms. Venturini said that she had heard a lot of complaints. She said that the time change was very hard on restaurants. Mr. Buonanno said that he understands that Michael Buble no longer sings like Sinatra. Mr. Lepore reported that the show was canceled at Mohegan on Wednesday and rescheduled for Thursday.**

**Mr. Lepore noted that a game between the Boston Bruins and the P.**

**Bruins is being planned for September. This Black & Gold game will be a great opportunity for the City to view the Stanley Cup. Mr. Lepore said that this should be a great season for the Providence Bruins. He said that P. Bruins games are wonderful family events. They provide an opportunity to experience great hockey at reasonable prices. Mr. Lepore also noted that the Boston Celtics will play at the Dunk this Fall.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that ticket sales for Cirque are slow but he expects a good walkup and steady box office sales. He noted that the last time Cirque was here it was over the 4th of July and they did well. This time it is later in July and should do better. Mr. Lepore said that we are still on the radar screen with Mixed Martial Arts for a Pay Per View event and that we continue to talk with Hockey East about their post season tournament.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked about graduations. Mr. Lepore noted that graduation is included in the Providence College contract for P.C. men's basketball and only pays the event expenses but that Johnson & Wales pays rent for three events.**

**Mr. Lepore noted that following Cirque du Soleil and before American Idol the building will undergo a deep cleaning to bring it back to the state it was in prior to the NCAA Tournament. Mr. Lepore said that an RFP will be issued to repave and stripe the back parking lot.**

**Mr. Buonanno stated that he has issues with a Cigar Show that was mentioned during the Marketing Committee meeting. He said that holding the show does not send the right message. Mr. McCarvill noted that the Cigar Show is a piece of business that we are working to secure for either the Dunkin'; Donuts Center of the Convention Center. Mr. Buonanno asked that the Convention Center take a look at whether or not we want to allow smoking in the building especially considering the health risks. Mr. Muldoon noted Mr. Buonanno's concerns and agreed to discuss the matter with the promoters and Mr. Buonanno.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:20 PM**