

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

August 23, 2011

A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on August 23, 2011, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Bernie Buonanno, Dale Venturini, Scott Gunn, Paul MacDonald, Letitia Carter and Jeffrey Hirsh.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon and Debbie Tuton, RICC; Larry Lepore, DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM.

Mr. Buonanno entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Gunn seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the June meeting

Mr. Buonanno recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore stated that Cirque De Soleil did not do as well as we had hoped. Mr. Lepore said that the show was great but attendance was low. Mr. McCarvill stated that having a show in July that did \$100,000 was very good. Mr. Lepore reported that SMG had held an ice school in the building. He said that representatives from other facilities learned how we make ice.

Mr. Lepore noted that our new chairman is very aggressive in his pursuit of events for the Dunk. He reported that he and Mr. Bennett had met with Don Law and that Mr. Bennett has been in contact with the Drop Kick Murphys attempting to have them perform here on St. Patrick's Day.

Discussions ensued regarding the Providence Bruins and their affiliation with the Boston Bruins. It was noted that the Boston Bruins could sever their franchise agreement with the P. Bruins and establish a team in a competing venue. Mr. McCarvill said that we have been in discussion with Matt Poore to secure the franchise for the future. Mr. MacDonald stressed the importance of the P. Bruins to the Dunk and said that we should be aggressive in our efforts to retain the franchise.

Mr. Lepore noted that there has been a great deal of advertising for the Get Motivated event that will be at the Dunkin' Donuts Center on October 3rd. Mr. Lepore stated that the challenge will be parking for

the event. He said that in other cities parking and traffic tie ups were the major issues. Mr. Lepore said that we have meetings scheduled with the City, Providence Police, RIPTA and all other entities that will assist with getting people into and out of the City.

Mr. Lepore was pleased to report that American Idol is a sold out show. Mr. Lepore noted that a pre-season game Boston Bruins scrimmage will be held in September. This Black & Gold game will be a great opportunity for the City to enjoy watching the Stanley Cup winner. 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. Buonanno asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:32 PM