

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

March 27, 2012

A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on March 27, 2012, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Bernie Buonanno, Jeff Hirsh, Dale Venturini, Jim Bennett and Letitia Carter.

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

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 1:48 PM. Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Ms. Venturini it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the February meeting

Mr. Buonanno recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk.

Mr. Lepore noted that February's net income was negative to budget due to the lack of two concerts that did not occur. He also noted that higher operational expenses contributed to the unfavorable variance.

Mr. Lepore was pleased to announce that American Idol would be returning in August and the inclusion of a Rhode Island talent should make for a well attended event. Mr. Lepore noted that we are holding dates for Journey and Van Halen and possibly Carrie Underwood. Mr. Lepore stated that the Globetrotters are almost sold out for Friday and Sunday for their Providence performances. Mr. Lepore said that it is his opinion that the Dunkin' Donuts Center should do something to honor Frank J. Russo. He said that Mr. Russo had over 100 sellouts at the building. Discussions ensued regarding the number of performers that played the Civic Center and Mr. Russo's contribution.

Mr. Lepore said that recognizing Mr. Russo would give us the opportunity to acknowledge his contribution to the building and the City. Ms. Venturini agreed that we should honor Mr. Russo but cautioned that by doing this we open the door to other deserving individuals that have had an impact on the arena. She said that we might want to consider an annual award. Ms. Venturini asked if we could designate a spot in the Dunk as a wall of honor. Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore if the building didn't have a Hall of Fame at one time. Mr. Lepore said that we did until 1997.

Ms. Venturini asked if the plaque with the names of the Board

members had been put back to its original location. Mr. McCarvill said that it had.

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 Ms. Venturini it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:04 PM