

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

January 24, 2006

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on January 24, 2006 at the rise of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were, Committee Chairman, Jerry Massa, Commissioners, David A. Duffy, Paul MacDonald, Bernie Buonanno, Jeff Hirsh, and Joe Judge.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Kerrie Bennett and Betty Sullivan, Convention Center Authority; Bob Cappalli and Larry Lepore, SMG/DDC; Tim Muldoon, Debbie Tuton and Julian Raveneau, SMG/RICC; Andrea Stape, Projo; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Massa called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. (at the rise of the Dunkin' Donuts Committee). Mr. Massa announced that the next meeting would be held on February 21, 2006.

Mr. Massa asked Ms. Sullivan to address the Committee. Ms. Sullivan presented the financial statements for the Convention Center. She

noted the dramatic increase in services for billed in December. Ms. Sullivan also reported that a check was in the mail for URI parking. She noted that she has been working on resolving the issue for several months.

Mr. Massa congratulated Mr. Muldoon and his staff for their hard work. Mr. Muldoon reported a huge December and noted that the next few months were looking very positive.

Mr. Massa asked Mr. Muldoon to report on renewal and replacement projects for the Convention Center. Mr. Muldoon reported that a plan to create a junior ballroom is being discussed. He noted that there are numerous occasions when the building cannot accommodate the needs of a potential group. Mr. Muldoon explained the plan and discussions followed regarding its feasibility. Mr. McCarvill asked what event opportunities we would lose during construction time. Mr. Muldoon noted that the work could be done during the summer and following the public show season therefore the impact would be minimal. Mr. McCarvill said that he thinks that Mr. Muldoon may be understating the amount of time that the junior ballroom would be utilized and the potential for additional revenue and said that he is in support of the project.

Following a discussion on capital expenditures and budgeting Mr. MacDonald made a motion seconded by Mr. Hirsh to recommend to the Board that the Convention Center move forward with the project.

It was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend to the Board moving forward on the creation of a junior ballroom.

Mr. Muldoon reported that the South Garage was in need of new lighting. He noted the improvements that were made to the North Garage and said that it was time for the same upgrades for the South Garage. He reported that an application had been filed with Narragansett Electric for a rebate. Mr. Muldoon continued that with energy savings of \$14,000 per year plus the savings in maintenance expense we could get the money back in 10 years time. He said that new lighting would create a safer environment for our garage patrons.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Massa and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend to the Board improvements to the lighting in the South Garage.

Mr. MacDonald reported that he had been in Worcester recently and said that we should be proud of the way our garage is run.

Noting the inclusion of the minutes of final Operations & Facilities Committee meeting held in December, Mr. Massa sought approval.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Judge it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the final Operations & Facilities Committee meeting.

Mr. Judge noted the inclusion of the final Finance Committee meeting minutes and sought a motion to approve.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Massa and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the final Finance Committee meeting as distributed.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.