

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

February 21, 2006

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as “Authority”, the “CCA” or the “Board”) was held on February 21, 2006, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were, Commissioners, David A. Duffy, Jeff Hirsh, Bernie Buonanno, and Joe Judge.

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

In the absence of Chairman Massa, Jeff Hirsh was asked to chair the meeting. Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. (at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Committee) and announced that the next meeting would be held on March 28, 2006.

Noting the minutes of the January meeting had been distributed Mr. Hirsh entertained a motion to approve. Upon a motion duly made by

Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Buonanno, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

Mr. Hirsh asked Ms. Sullivan to address the Committee. Ms. Sullivan presented the financial statements for the Convention Center. Mr. Muldoon reported that several events contributed to a successful January. He said that the Kids Fun Fair was a great new family event and should attract more attention in future years. He also noted that the Fair is an event that could possibly move to the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Mr. Muldoon noted that Celebrate Rhode Island and a Verizon Wireless event were well attended.

Mr. Judge asked if there are many parking problems when both venues have events. Mr. Muldoon noted that pay on entry and directing traffic out of the garage has eased some of the parking issues. Mr. Muldoon said that the garage got very crowded in the afternoon. Mr. Lapore reported that he and Mr. Muldoon have been exploring the possibility of including parking with ticket purchase.

Ms. Tuton stated that joint purchasing for some services is being looked at. She noted that an RFP for combined electricity has been issued. Trash and recycling collections, phone services, uniforms and office supplies are areas that are being reviewed for potential savings. Mr. Judge asked Ms. Tuton to investigate where the recycling material is being delivered.

Mr. McCarvill reported that four responses to the Garage Feasibility Study RFP had been received. Mr. Muldoon distributed the bid analysis. Walker Parking Consultants and Desman Associates bids were considerably lower than Unison-Maximus and McMahan Associates. Mr. Muldoon noted that he had prior experience with Walker and they are New England based. He continued that Desmond Associates is qualified and possibly a minority business enterprise. Mr. Muldoon noted that more information would be available for Thursday. Mr. McCarvill suggested that we check with Charles Newton on the minority status of Desmond Associates.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.