

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

June 2, 2006

A special 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 June 2, 2006, 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, Dave Gavitt, David A. Duffy, Paul MacDonald and Joe Judge.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Convention Center Authority, Tim Muldoon, SMG/RICC and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Massa called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mr. Massa stated that the reason for the meeting was to interview two architectural firms that were short listed by the Convention Center staff to perform a feasibility study for the possible re-design of the Convention Center lobby to be used as temporary office space and additional meeting rooms in the future.

Mr. Muldoon noted that RGB had partnered with Morris Nathanson Design because of their previous involvement with the Convention Center ballroom renovation. Mr. McMahon also noted RGB's history with projects at the Westin hotel and the Convention Center. Mr. Massa asked Mr. McMahon of RGB to begin their presentation. Mr. McMahon described their concept of the project and had prepared a power point presentation and design boards. Mr. McCarvill informed the presenters that we principally wanted to know the feasibility of the renovation. Discussions ensued regarding the time frame for the project. Mr. McMahon said that after a design phase of some months there would be a two to three month bidding process and eight months to complete the first phase. Mr. McCarvill asked that a cost benefit analysis be prepared with projected uses and assumptions for in-service dates for the office component and subsequent meeting space development. Mr. Massa thanked Mr. McMahon and his design team.

Mr. William Kite of William Kite Architecture addressed the committee. Mr. Kite described his firm's experience in remodeling spaces in existing structures. Mr. Kite had prepared a power point presentation highlighting their work for Brown University and Rhode Island College. Mr. McCarvill asked the anticipated time frame for this project. Mr. Kite responded that construction could begin by the first of the year with completion in eight months. Mr. Massa informed Mr. Kite that first we would like a feasibility study of the project and a cost benefit analysis prepared.

Mr. Massa thanked Mr. Kite.

Conversations ensued regarding which firm would best meet the needs of the Authority. Mr. Judge stated that both firms were well qualified to perform the feasibility study but because of the Convention Center's prior experience with both RGB and Morris Nathanson Design they would be his choice. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Gavitt it was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend RGB and Morris Nathanson Design to do a feasibility study and associated design work for the build-out of the north lobby of the Convention Center.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.