

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

December 19, 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 December 19, 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, Jason Fowler and Paul MacDonald.

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

Mr. Massa was unable to attend therefore Chairman Duffy asked Mr. McCarvill to go through the agenda items. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. (at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Committee) The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2007 at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Committee meeting.

Noting that the minutes of the November meeting had been distributed Mr. McCarvill sought a motion to approve. Upon a motion

duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Fowler, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Mr. Muldoon presented the financial highlights for the month of November. Mr. Muldoon reported a strong month with revenues up \$300,000 over the same period last year.

Discussions ensued regarding parking access and egress issues. Mr. McCarvill informed the Committee that Mr. Muldoon, Mr. Mancuso and Mr. Leach have been involved with RIDOT almost daily. There have been issues with the marshalling yard and RIDOT that required a great deal of negotiating.

Mr. Muldoon noted that the third exit lane of the South Garage is working well and has decreased the exiting time by about ten minutes. He said that they are still working on plans to improve the North Garage exit lanes. Mr. MacDonald said that he has been in many garages and ours is not that bad. Mr. McCarvill commented that it is getting better all the time.

Mr. McCarvill said that the attendance figures were significantly lower than budget numbers. Mr. Muldoon said that he would look into it but events were budgeted that didn't happen.

Mr. Fowler referencing the financial statements said that the bottom line is where it needs to be. He said he hoped that the trend continues.

Mr. Muldoon stated that he had met with RGB and Morrison Nathanson regarding the West Lobby project and would have more information for the next meeting. He said that hopefully the project would be completed by September. Mr. Hirsh noted the importance of the room's visibility. Mr. Fowler asked if Mr. Muldoon had looked into the hiring of another sales person. Mr. Muldoon stated that another catering person was needed and that he would be look at staffing levels within the sales office.

Mr. McCarvill noted that other projects that the Convention Center Committee inherited because of the Dunkin' Donuts Center are the chiller project and the connector. He said that updates and discussions of these projects would take place in the upcoming months.

Mr. Muldoon announced that the ballroom has been reserved for the Governor's inauguration in case of inclement weather.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:25 p.m.