

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING
December 18, 2007**

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 18, 2007, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Marianne Corr, Authority Chairman, Dave Duffy and Commissioners, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald, Dale Venturini and Jason Fowler.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kerrie Bennett, Convention Center Authority; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, SMG/RICC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Ben Gedan, Providence Journal and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Corr called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m. (at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Center Committee).

Noting that the minutes of the November meeting had been distributed, Ms. Corr sought a motion to approve. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was

unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Ms. Corr asked Mr. Muldoon to report on the financial statement. Mr. Muldoon reported that November Net Income was (\$116,934) lower than last year but \$125,663 higher than budget for the period attributable to higher revenues in Food & Beverage. Mr. Muldoon stated that December looks strong. Mr. Muldoon noted that year to date Net Income was positive \$333,720 to budget and positive \$364,375 to the prior year. Mr. MacDonald asked if Mr. Muldoon thought the mortgage market would hurt the Home Show. Mr. Muldoon said that people looking to make home improvements could help with attendance.

Mr. Muldoon stated that a meeting has been set up with Westin Management to put together plans for attracting groups that utilize both facilities. He noted that the hotel sometimes has a shortage of meeting space that could occupy space in the Convention Center.

Ms. Corr stated that the Downtown Improvement District's contract with the Convention Center for parking their vehicles is about to expire. Mr. Muldoon said that they have approached us again and would like to continue the relationship. He said that the Downtown Improvement District has been a good neighbor and that they provide a great service to the City. Mr. Muldoon said that he recommends

renewing the parking contract. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to permit the Downtown Improvement District to use the marshalling yard to park their equipment for another year.

Mr. Muldoon reported that the Convention Center and the Dunkin' Donuts Center would be holding their annual Health and Safety day. He said that participation in safety training was mandatory for all staff. Mr. Duffy asked who minds the store while the staff participates. Mr. Muldoon responded that a small staff will be on duty and that all training is done on site at the Convention Center.

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

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