

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING
November 27, 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 November 27, 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, Bernie Buonanno, Patrick Butler, Paul MacDonald 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 3:42 p.m. (at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Center Committee).

Noting that the minutes of the October meeting had been distributed, Ms. Corr sought a motion to approve. Upon a motion duly made by

Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Ms. Corr asked Mr. Muldoon to report on the financial statement. Mr. Muldoon reported that October was a profitable month with gains in many areas. He said noted a favorable variance in revenue to the prior year of \$195,400. Mr. Muldoon also noted direct expenses for the month were equal to last year and indirect expenses were favorable by \$134,900 which is a 22% decrease in costs. Mr. Muldoon reported a \$420,300 year to date positive variance in revenues compared to last year and a favorable net income variance of \$208,000 over budget. Mr. Muldoon said that the increase in parking revenue was attributable to construction workers at the Dunk and elsewhere downtown.

Mr. Muldoon reported that some issues have been put on the back burner because of staffing needs at the Dunkin' Donuts Center to accommodate the re-opening events.

Mr. Muldoon stated that we have had some response to our on line parking through Ticket Master. Mr. MacDonald asked if there is a benefit to purchasing parking with your tickets. Mr. Muldoon responded that it would mean a guaranteed parking space in case of a sell out. Ms. Corr noted that purchasing instructions are given on the web site.

Mr. Muldoon reported that an incident had occurred at a Cape Verdean Concert held on Saturday. He stated that the promoter had oversold the venue and when capacity was reached people a log jam resulted. Mr. Muldoon said that the security staff at the Dunkin' Donuts Center was called for help and the security guards from the Dunk were made available. Mr. Muldoon said that we had 9 security people as well as 5 police officers that were called for backup. Mr. Muldoon thanked the security staff for the professional way that the situation was dealt with. Mr. Muldoon noted that a lesson was learned and we will now have complete control over ticketing. Mr. Fowler asked if another hall could have been opened. Mr. Muldoon said that the adjacent hall was being set up for Festival of Trees. Mr. Butler asked who pays for the additional police. Mr. Muldoon said that the promoter is responsible for the additional police and the damage to the door. Mr. Butler asked if we should implement a new policy. Mr. Muldoon responded that he had already done so. He said that our people did a great job under very difficult circumstances.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:55 p.m.