

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

**October 28, 2008**

**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 October 28, 2008, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Chairman, Jeff Hirsh and Commissioners Dave Duffy, Dale Venturini and Paul MacDonald.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Dunkin’ Donuts Center; Larry Bacher, Gilbane; Bruce Leach, Legal Council; Bob Bromely, Senate Fiscal Office and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm and announced that the next meeting would be held on November 18th at the rise of the Dunkin’ Donuts Committee meeting, approximately 3:00 pm.**

**Mr. Hirsh sought a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the September meeting.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Muldoon to address the Committee. Mr. Muldoon reported that net income for September was (\$3,380) to budget due mostly to lower food and beverage income and reduced parking revenue. Mr. Muldoon reported that with the completion of the hotel expansion and the Dunkin' Donuts renovation there have been fewer construction workers parking in the garage. Mr. Muldoon said that GTECH will be relocating some employees to the City and he hopes that we will see an increase in parkers. Mr. Hirsh reported that he has been reviewing customer surveys for the Convention Center and complimented the entire staff on a job well done. Mr. McCarvill said that he has noticed that a higher percentage of surveys are being received because the patron can fill them out on line. Mr. Duffy suggested customer surveys from the Dunk and Sportservice. Mr. MacDonald noted that the event rate at the garage is \$10.00. He said that if someone is purchasing tickets for an event the same fee should not be charged for very short term parking. Mr. Muldoon stated that he would look into the need for short term parking but the decision was made some time ago to discontinue the rate. He said that very few people required short term parking because there is 15 minute parking on the street in front of the Convention Center and the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Mr. MacDonald asked if there is any contact with the management of the Providence Place Mall. He noted that it looks in need of repair. Mr. Duffy suggested that Mr. Muldoon contact**

them and let them know that we have gotten some comments. The conversation returned to parking. Mr. Muldoon noted that we are down to last year. Mr. Hirsh suggested parking for the train station could be an option. Mr. Duffy noted that we could provide a shuttle service between our garage and the train station. Ms. Tuton said that we are talking with Johnson & Wales to provide student parking that would also require shuttle service. Mr. Duffy encouraged Ms. Tuton to investigate all opportunities. Mr. Muldoon reported that rumble strips had been installed at the North Garage entrance in an effort to slow down traffic. He said that the concern was brought up at a safety meeting recently and was an easy fix. Mr. Muldoon noted that Human Resource Department was being very cautious about filling vacant positions and they are working on an incentive plan for sales department employees. He said that he will keep the Board posted.

Mr. Duffy said that he would like to see the sales staff do a major Rhode Island business blitz. Mr. Hirsh asked when the sales person calls a business do they speak with the party person or meeting planner or a corporate level contact. Mr. Muldoon replied that it varies by account. Mr. Duffy noted that the Board could be of some assistance in getting to the corporate level people.

Mr. Duffy congratulated Mr. Leach on being named one the top lawyers in the State by R.I. Monthly.

Mr. Hirsh asked if there were any new business. Hearing none he

**entertained a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 4:05 p.m.**