

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

**December 21, 2009**

**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 21, 2009, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Committee Chairman Jeff Hirsh, Board Chairman David Duffy and Commissioners Bernie Buonanno, Paul MacDonald, Letitia Carter and Dale Venturini.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore and Bon Cappalli, DDC; Steve Habl, VMA; Bruce Leach, Legal Council, and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm. Mr. Hirsh sought a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

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

**Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Hahl to address the Committee. Mr. Hahl reported that November was a slow month for the VMA. He said that we need to get the number of event days up. Mr. Hahl also stated that there is little concession revenue. Mr. MacDonald commented that we have no parking at the building to generate income. Mr. Hahl said that we are looking for other sources of revenue.**

**Mr. McCarvill reported that there have been conversations with the Budget Office regarding the purchase of the VMA. He said that the Budget Office and the legislature are looking at all possibilities for loosening up some cash as well as assuring the asset gets the much needed repairs. Mr. McCarvill said that we would keep the Committee posted on developments.**

**Mr. Hirsh recognized Mr. Muldoon. Mr. Muldoon reported that the Convention Center had a good November although attendance continues to be down. He said that transient parking is also down. Mr. Muldoon reported that the expected parking contract with Blue Cross did not materialize. He said that he is looking into an opportunity for something with the State and is working hard to keep GTECH. Mr. Muldoon noted that there were several successful events in November. He said that new shows, American for the Arts, Harmony Inc. and Irish Dance Teachers Association did very well and that we hope to have them back. Mr. Muldoon noted that repeat shows and conferences also did well.**

**Mr. Muldoon requested approval of a rent waiver for the International Association for Identification Annual Educational Conference for Summer of 2013. He said that the timing of the conference will be important to the building. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Buonanno and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve a rent waiver for the International Association for Identification Annual Educational Conference.**

**Mr. Muldoon also requested a rent waiver for Bright Night Providence. He said that Bright Night is a family event that is good for the community. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve a rent waiver for Bright Night Providence.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported that a safety training day was held for all employees last week.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked if there were any new business. Hearing none he entertained a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Buonanno and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.**