

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

May 25, 2010

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 May 25, 2010, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Jeffrey Hirsh, Dale Venturini, Dave Duffy, Paul MacDonald, Letitia Carter, Patrick Butler and Jason Fowler.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kim Keough, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Debbie Tuton, Nancy Beauchamp, Arlene Oliva and Amanda Marzullo, RICC; Larry Lepore, Bob Cappalli, Cheryl Cohen and Jodi Duclos, DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. Mr. Hirsh sought a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Venturini it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Muldoon to update the Committee on the financial statement. Mr. Muldoon reported that for the month of March the Convention Center Net Income did not meet budget expectations due to events that were anticipated but did not materialize. Mr. Muldoon noted that the Harley Davidson Show did not happen and the Fish Expo moved to a warehouse on the waterfront in New Bedford. Mr. Hirsh commented that Citizens Bank is proving to be a great client for the Convention Center. Mr. Muldoon reported that the Convention Center Sales Department has been trying for some time to entice Citizens Bank to utilize our building. He stated that recently several Citizens events have taken place here and more are expected. Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Muldoon if there has been any feedback to the situation at the Westin. Mr. Muldoon said that clients have mentioned some unpleasantness at the front desk and there are some cleanliness issues. Mr. Duffy noted that that will happen when your staff is unhappy. Ms. Venturini said that she hopes that the union and the management settle their differences soon. Mr. Muldoon reported that parking revenue continues to track below last year. He said that the P. Bruins had fewer games in March which had an impact on parking revenue. Mr. Muldoon reported that we are not looking at any rate increases in the garage.

Mr. Muldoon reported that the Green and Safety Committees continue to meet on a regular basis. Mr. Muldoon noted that the staff has been doing a super job with preventative maintenance. He stated that the

Summer has historically been a slow period when maintenance projects are scheduled. Mr. Muldoon said that last year we were very busy and this Summer is shaping up to be busy as well. He said that projects will be completed around events. Mr. Muldoon stated that Ms. Tuton is always looking at electrical usage to see if there could be possible savings. Mr. Muldoon reported that May and June will be very busy and the sales team is working on closing events for August.

Ms. Venturini referenced a letter sent by the Authority to the City of Providence Planning Division regarding making Sabin Street two way.

Mr. McCarvill reported that Mr. Mancuso and Mr. Muldoon had met with Mr. Deller and a representative from VHB. Ms. Venturini asked if Mr. Deller understands our concerns. Mr. Muldoon said that he and Mr. Mancuso had listened to Mr. Deller's reasoning and voiced our concerns about the effect this would have on the safety and convenience of our patrons. Ms. Venturini asked what the next step will be. Discussions ensued regarding the issues that we would have if Sabin Street was made two way. Mr. Lepore suggested that videos be taken of people and vehicles on entry and exiting the facilities during events.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.