

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

**February 26, 2013**

**A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on February 26, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Bernie Buonanno, Paul MacDonald, Jim Bennett and Dale Venturini.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Nancy Beauchamp and Debbie Tuton, RICC; Larry Lepore and Beth Johnson, DDC; Dan Schwartz, VETS; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.**

**Mr. MacDonald recognized Mr. Muldoon and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Muldoon stated that the unfavorable variance for the month of January is due to the non- occurrence of budgeted events. Mr. Muldoon reported that a Verizon event had been budgeted as well as a Motorcycle show that did not occur and the RV Show that was budgeted for January has moved to March. Mr. Muldoon noted that increased costs for repair and maintenance**

**contributed to the variance.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported that the new fire alarm project is going well and has been approved by the Fire Marshall. Mr. Muldoon said that the repairs to the exterior are nearing completion and the RD Preservation had done a great job for us. Mr. Muldoon noted that Ambient Sound is installing an upgrade to the facility's sound system. Mr. Muldoon continued saying that Ambient Sound is a great company to work with. Mr. Muldoon reported that Mr. McCarvill had asked that we look into replacing the neon art on the building to LED. Mr. Muldoon reported that Ms. Tuton had gotten an initial price to replace the neon that was cost prohibitive but replacing with LED would save on energy costs moving forward. He noted that a meeting has been scheduled to look into the replacement. Mr. Muldoon stated that he has had the condition of the street between the Dunk and the Convention Center checked and it is not in as bad a condition as once thought.**

## **VETS**

**Mr. Schwartz presented the financial information for the VETS. He stated that January was better than budget even though the Nutcracker which had been budgeted, did not happen at the VETS. Mr. Schwartz noted that revenue is up to the prior year. Mr. Schwartz said that the VETS has shown significant signs of improvement in attendance as well as food and beverage. Mr. Schwartz stated that**

**touring companies are just not coming. He noted that they have several offers out but booking is a constant struggle. Mr. Schwartz noted that Spring dance competitions are strong.**

**Mr. Schwartz reported that construction is moving along and the 3rd floor slab was being poured today. Ms. Sullivan stated that Calson had chosen well in their hiring of a sub-contractor. She said that they have been on the job during the recent inclement weather. Mr. MacDonald asked about access to the Renaissance Hotel. Mr. Schwartz said that there are ongoing conversations and everyone is all in favor of connecting the facilities. Mr. MacDonald questioned whether the hotel management should be responsible for the cost of connecting to the theater because it is more beneficial to the hotel. Mr. McCarvill said that Mr. MacDonald had a good point.**

**Mr. MacDonald asked if there was any further business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Buonanno and seconded by Mr. Bennett it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:30 PM**