

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

**June 25, 2013**

**A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on June 25, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Dale Venturini, Jim Bennett, Jeff Hirsh and Paul MacDonald.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, RICC; Daniel Schwartz, VETS; Larry Lepore and Beth Johnson, DDC; Amber Ilcisko, Assistant to Jim Bennett; Paul Grimauldi, PROJO and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM and asked for approval of the minutes of the April meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald 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 Convention**

**Center operations. Mr. Muldoon stated that the month of May was negative to budget as well as negative to the prior year. Mr. Muldoon said that the Providence area is a great market for Cheer & Dance competitions and that Paula Abdul's product should be a success. Mr. Muldoon reported that the Tatoo Show has grown and they are looking for a local promoter for the event.**

**Mr. Muldoon said that the new carpeting has been ordered and will be shipped this week. Mr. Muldoon said that an RFP for an installer has been issued and responses are due on Thursday. Mr. Muldoon said that the carpeting is 10 years old and has held up very well but it is showing signs of wear. Mr. Muldoon noted that installation would be done over the next few months because we need to work around events.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported that he has been looking at parking rates and he distributed a comparison of the nearby parking facilities. Mr. Muldoon reported that we have had the same event rate since 2008 and thinks that it is time that it is increased to \$12.00. Mr. Hirsh asked if he knew of any safety issues at other garages or lots. Mr. Muldoon said that he did not know of any issues although the Mall does a good job. Mr. Muldoon also noted that we cannot compete with the Mall rates. Mr. MacDonald said that he does not like the idea of increasing the event rate but we have not seen an increase in several years. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to recommend increasing the event parking rates by \$2.00 for a rate of \$12.00**

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

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:25 PM**