

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority

Garrahy Courthouse Garage Committee

February 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Garrahy Courthouse Parking Garage Sub Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority met on February 24, 2015 pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street and the Dunkin' Donuts Center, One LaSalle Square, Providence, RI 02903.

Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Patrick Butler, Jeff Hirsh and John Hooper.

Also present were Jim McCarvill, Executive Director, Amanda Wilmouth and Larry Lepore, Convention Center and Dunkin' Donuts Center, Jan Brodie, I 195 Committee; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. McCarvill to summarize the interviews of the candidates for Program Manager that took place on February 6th.

Mr. McCarvill reminded the Committee that Hill, Aspen Group, ABM and Keough had been interviewed and all would be qualified to perform the duties of Program manager for the Authority. Mr. McCarvill stated that he did not think we could make a bad choice.

Mr. MacDonald said that he had done some investigating and talking to people in the construction industry and because of the proposed team he would eliminate ABM. Mr. Hirsh said that he would eliminate

ABM for the same reasons. He noted that he was not impressed with the proposed team although he likes Eric Ahlborg and they have done some good work for us in the past. Mr. Hirsh stated that he had positive reports about Keough Construction. Mr. Butler noted that he had also done some checking and Keough came out on top. Ms. Brodie stated that she has no vote in the selection process but thought that Keough's presentation indicated some weakness in their interactive skills. She said that she would prefer Aspen. Mr. Lepore reminded the Committee that the facilities have worked well with Eric Ahlborg in the past although he was disappointed with the proposed team. Mr. Butler stated that in his opinion we need a local company. Mr. Hirsh agreed saying that we have to look local. Mr. MacDonald said that he got a great deal of feed-back from the construction industry and was disappointed in Ahlborg's partner. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend that we pursue an agreement with Keough Construction to represent the Authority as Program manager in the construction of the Garrahy Courthouse Parking Facility.

Discussion continued regarding the knowns of the project and possible expectations of the Court, RIPTA the I 195 Committee and the State. Mr. MacDonald suggested that we bring in someone from the City so that they are aware of the progress of the project. Mr. Butler said that he would reach out to the Council President.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 11:43 AM