

MEETING MINUTES

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Thursday, February 9, 2006

12:00 Noon

First Floor Theater

30 Exchange Terrace

Providence, RI

1. Roll Call

Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Members present included Leslie A. Gardner, Merlin DeConti, Guy Abelson, Steve Durkee, Barry Fain, Phil Stone, Duncan Johnson, Barry Preston (arrived 12: 20 PM), Robert Reichley, Christopher Thomas, and Stanley Weiss. Members absent included Steve Daniels, Wilfrid L. Gates, Jr., Councilman Terrence Hassett and Councilwoman Rita Williams.

Staff present included Deborah Melino-Wender.

Others present included Ron Chrzanowski, Capital Properties; Dick Galvin, Commonwealth Development; Nat Finley and Matt Michel, Spagnolo-Gisness; Tony Micko and Erik Dyson, GTECH; Robert C. Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office; Andrea Stape, Providence Journal; Amy Vitale, Partridge, Snow & Hahn; Kevin Burke, Burke +; and Jack Gold, PPS.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approval of Commission Minutes of January 12, 2006

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Capital Center Commission meeting of January 12, 2006.

2.2 Acceptance of Design Review Committee Minutes of January 10, 2006

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the Design Review Committee meeting of January 10, 2006.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director informed the Commission that the DRC had reviewed, in the field, the two precast panels, one in off-white and one in buff, for the Parcel 2 development. She stated that the Committee felt they were of very high quality and the colors were as anticipated. She noted that the DRC did vote to approve the colors.

4. Parcel 6A: Request for Curb Cut Extension

Chairman Gardner informed the Commission that in March 1994, the Commission approved the request of Capital Properties to install a curb cut on Parcel 6 for a two-year period. This approval has been extended on a two-year basis since that time. The present extension expires on March 10, 2006 and Capital Properties is requesting another extension.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to extend the approval of the curb cut for a two-year period expiring on March 10, 2008.

5. Parcel 1: Marriott Courtyard (if available)

Request for Approval of New Signage

Chairman Gardner noted that this item has been taken off the agenda because the DRC asked that the proposed signage lettering be reconsidered.

6. Parcel 9: GTECH Building

Request for Approval for Railing for 5th Floor Balcony; Tower Signage

Chairman Gardner noted that at the Design Review Committee meeting of February 7, 2006, the GTECH design and development team presented several items for review and approval by the Commission. These items include (1) the brackets for the auto bridge from Francis Street to the building; (2) the railing for the 5th floor balcony on the north side of the building; and (3) the GTECH signage in the tower. The Committee reviewed these items and voted to recommend approval to the full Commission.

Mr. Galvin briefly reviewed the items and then Mr. Finley made a presentation of the brackets and the railing for the 5th floor balcony. He also presented the nighttime view of the State House, as had been requested at last month's meeting. Mr. Burke then presented the new proposal for the GTECH signage in the tower. He reviewed the details of the signage noting that this letter, which is not the GTECH logo is more in keeping with the style of the building.

The Executive Director noted that both the signage and the balcony railing had been the subject of several meetings with the Commission's Design Consultant, David Dixon. She noted that Mr. Dixon was very pleased with the results and she commended GTECH for considering a building sign which was not the logo.

A brief discussion followed. The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve (1) the brackets for the auto bridge from Francis Street to the building; (2) the railing for the 5th floor balcony on the north side of the building; and (3) the GTECH signage in the tower, as presented.

7. Appointment of Officers

Chairman Gardner noted that per the revised by-laws adopted in December 2005, the officers for the Commission shall come to the Commission for appointment once a year. Chairman Gardner presented her choices for the offices of Vice Chairman: Steve Daniels; Secretary: Bob Reichley; and Treasurer: Chris Thomas. She noted that there are no changes except for the position of Treasurer, which was previously held by Tom Freeman.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to elect the slate of officers to include Steve Daniels, Vice Chairman; Robert Reichley, Secretary; and Christopher Thomas, Treasurer.

8. New Business

Mr. Johnson asked about the status of the pending litigation. Chairman Gardner stated that she had spoken with our legal counsel, Richard Peirce, in December and that he recommended waiting until after the first of the year. As of December, the State had not taken any action. Mr. Peirce indicated that he might look to seek a summary judgment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Robert Reichley
Secretary