

MEETING MINUTES

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Thursday, March 9, 2006

12:00 Noon

First Floor Theater

30 Exchange Terrace

Providence, RI

1. Roll Call

Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. Members present included Leslie A. Gardner, Merlin DeConti, Wilfrid L. Gates, Jr., Phillip Stone; Robert Reichley, Christopher Thomas, Stanley Weiss, Councilwoman Rita Williams and Barry Preston. Members absent included Guy Abelson, Steve Durkee, Barry Fain, Duncan Johnson and Councilman Terrence Hassett.

Staff present included Deborah Melino-Wender, Executive Director.

Others present included Carol Bugbee, Poyant Signs Inc.; Norman Latour, Uno Restaurant, LLC, Amy Vitale, Partridge, Snow & Hahn; Robert C. Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office.

2. Minutes

2.1 The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Capital Center Commission meeting of February 9, 2006.

2.2 The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the of Design Review Committee meetings of February 7, 2006 and February 21, 2006.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that she had received notice from Mr. Roth concerning the status of Parcel 6. Mr. Roth has stated that he has received his financing approval and expects to start construction within 30 days. The Executive Director also reported that Sage Hospitality, the developers of the Masonic Temple have informed her that they are having a problem with the previously approved located of the transformer unit and that they may be coming back to the DRC and CCC with an alternative location.

4. Parcels 10 & 13: Providence Place Mall

Uno Chicago: Request for Signage Change

Presenters: Norman Latore from Uno Restaurants

Chairman Gardner informed the Commission that the Pizzeria Uno group is changing its name to Uno Chicago. She noted that Mr. Latore presented the requested signage changes to the Design Review committee at its meeting on February 21, 2006 and that the DRC is recommending approval of the proposed signs.

Mr. Latore presented the proposed signage to the Commission. There was a brief discussion.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the proposed signage for Uno Chicago, as presented.

**5. Parcel 1: Marriott Courtyard
Request for Approval of New Signage
Presenter: Carol Bugbee**

Chairman Gardner stated that the Marriott Courtyard Hotel is looking to update their signage and to make it more visible. She stated that the sign maker has made several presentations to the Design Review Committee, the most recent being this past Tuesday, March 7th. The DRC is recommending the proposed change to the signage.

Ms. Bugbee presented the proposed signage changes. She noted that the letters would be gold, halo lit. The “Courtyard” letters would be back lit white and the “Marriott” letters would be back lit red. A brief discussion followed.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the proposed changes to the Marriott Courtyard signage, as presented.

6. Resolutions of Appreciation

Chairman Gardner explained to the Commission members that she had learned that Mr. Daniels had resigned just prior to the Commission’s February meeting. She noted his long record of service to the Commission. She also noted that Mr. Freeman had left the Commission in the fall and that the Commission usually recognizes the dedicated service of its members. She noted that Resolutions of Appreciation had been drafted for Thomas Freeman and Steve Daniels and that the members had received a copy. She read each resolution, a copy of which is attached.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the resolutions of appreciation for Thomas Freeman and Steve Daniels.

7. Appointment of Officers

Chairman Gardner explained that with the resignation of Steve Daniels, the Commission will need to fill the position of vice-chairman. She stated that the Chairman’s recommendation for this position is Merlin DeConti. Merlin is also a member of the Design Review Committee and has agreed to accept the position if approved. She noted that the other officers elected at the February meeting include Robert Reichley as Secretary and Christopher Thomas as Treasurer.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to elect Merlin DeConti as Vice-Chairman.

8. Design Consultant Contract

Chairman Gardner noted that the original contract with David Dixon of Goody Clancy and Associates was signed in the amount of \$20,000 for a one-year term commencing March 3, 1999. The present extension of that contract expired on March 3, 2006. Within this contract period, the Commission has incurred \$3,378.63 in design consultant expenses, of which \$3,206.86 is reimbursable, leaving a net cost to the Commission of \$171.77. She noted that

this item would be carried over to the next meeting, because Mr. Dixon and the Executive Director have not been able to connect.

9. New Business

Chairman Gardner updated the Commission members on the issue of polo at Station Park. She noted that she and Wil Gates, Chair of the Design Review Committee were meeting with the House Leadership following the Commission meeting. A discussion followed. The Executive Director noted that she has discussed the issue with the Commission's Design Consultant who will be looking to locate someone with a background and expertise in this matter.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Robert Reichley
Secretary