

MEETING MINUTES

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Thursday, January 11, 2007

12:00 Noon

First Floor Conference Room

30 Exchange Terrace

Providence, RI

1. Roll Call

Vice Chairman Merlin DeConti called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM. Members present included Merlin DeConti, Steve Durkee, Barry Fain, Duncan Johnson, Barry Preston, Robert Reichley, Phil Stone, Chris Thomas and Stanley Weiss. Members absent included Leslie Gardner, Guy Abelson, Greg Benik, Wil Gates, and Councilman Terrence Hassett.

Staff present included Deborah Melino-Wender, Executive Director.

Others present included Robert Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office, Ron Chrzanowski, Capital Properties, and Richard Galvin, Commonwealth Ventures.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approval of Commission Minutes of November 9, 2006

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

2.2 Acceptance of Design Review Committee Minutes of October 31, 2006

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the Design Review Committee meeting of October 31, 2006.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that site work has begun on Parcel 6. She also noted that the Design Review Committee, at its December meeting had reviewed two building panels and one storefront panel for Parcel 2.

4. Parcel 9: GTECH Building

- **Ruth's Chris Restaurant: Request for Modifications to Glass**
- **Landscaping Update**

Ruth's Chris: Mr. Galvin presented a plan to change the glazing above Ruth's Chris Restaurant to hide the building structure behind the glass. He stated that the patterning will be similar to that which was already approved at the Francis/Memorial corner. Mr. De Conti noted that the DRC had reviewed this request and that the Committee is recommending approval. A brief discussion followed.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the installation of the pattern glass, as presented.

Landscaping: Mr. Galvin noted that the approved landscape plan called for five planters along Memorial Boulevard. Due to the location of the concrete bridge abutment along Memorial Boulevard, he informed the Commission that installation of the fifth planter would be difficult without impacting the bridge. Additionally, if installed, it would intrude into the sidewalk. Mr. Galvin is requesting that this fifth planter be eliminated. Mr. DeConti confirmed Mr. Galvin's observations and stated that the DRC had confirmed the condition in the field and is recommending approval.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve modification of the landscape plan, to omit the fifth planter.

Mr. DeConti noted that the DRC had expressed concern about the level of lighting in the garage. Mr. Galvin informed the Commission that the lighting was manufactured backwards. He stated that they are still reviewing the lighting levels and are concerned that at the third level, the white ceiling gives too much reflection.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Robert Reichley
Secretary