

MEETING MINUTES
CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Thursday, March 11, 2009
12:00 Noon
Fourth Floor Conference Room
400 Westminister Street
Providence, RI 02903

1. Roll Call

Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Members present included Leslie A. Gardner, Councilman Luis Aponte, Rebecca Barnes, Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, Steve Durkee, Barry Fain, Wilfrid L. Gates, Jr, Duncan Johnson, Glenn Kumekawa, Christopher Thomas, and Stanley Weiss. Members absent included Guy Abelson, Greg Benik, and Merlin DeConti.

Staff present included Deborah Melino-Wender, Executive Director; Robert Azar, Director of Current Planning and Chris Ise, Principal Planner.

Others present included Charles Meyers, Metropark; Todd Turcotte, Capital Properties; and Adrianna Thomas, RI House of Representatives.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approval of Commission Minutes of February 12, 2009

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Capital Center Commission meeting of February 12, 2009.

2.2 Acceptance of Finance Subcommittee Minutes of January 27, 2009

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the Finance Subcommittee meeting of January 23, 2009.

With the transition to the new staffing, the Chairman asked that all present introduce themselves to each other.

3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director reported on the tour of the Waterplace/Intercontinental project.

4. Transition Update

The Executive Director provided an update on the move to offices of the Planning Department. She noted that the move went very smoothly and that about half of the files are now located with the State Archives.

Given limited resources, the Chairman raised the issue of continuing to provide lunch and parking for Commission members. A discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commission, that members would now provide their own parking, but that the Commission would continue to provide lunch.

5. Resolution of Appreciation

Chairman Gardner reminded the Commission that this would be the last full Commission meeting for Deborah Melino-Wender the Executive Director. Chairman Gardner reviewed the accomplishments of the Commission over the last 14 years under the leadership of the Executive Director. She read a proposed resolution thanking Ms. Melino-Wender for her service.

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the resolution, as proposed. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Christopher Thomas
Secretary/Treasurer