

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 27, 2009

A meeting of the Capital Center Commission was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 in the 4th Floor Auditorium of the Department of Planning and Development, 400 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.

1. Roll Call

Call to Order: Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Members Present: Leslie A. Gardner, Greg Benik, Duncan Johnson, Merlin DeConti, Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, Steve Durkee, Wilfrid Gates, Jr., Glenn Kumekawa and Rebecca Barnes

Members Absent: Stanley Weiss, Councilman Luis Aponte, Guy Abelson, Barry Fain, and Christopher Thomas

Staff Present: Robert Azar and Christopher Ise

2. Minutes

1) Approval of Commission Minutes of April 8, 2009

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, to approve the minutes of the Capital Center Commission meeting of April 8, 2009.

2) Acceptance of Design Review Committee Minutes of April 21, 2009, and May 5, 2009

The motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, to accept the minutes of the Design Review Committee meeting of April 21, 2009 and May 5, 2009.

3. Staff Report

Mr. Ise announced that the large wall signs for the CVS at the Providence Place Mall have been replaced with the appropriate size signage.

Ms. Gardner presented a resolution of appreciation for Jennifer Cookke. Ms. Cookke has resigned from the commission. A motion was made by Mr. DeConti, seconded by Mr. Durkee, to approve the resolution of appreciation. All voted in favor.

4. Parcel 2: Request for Signage

Mr. Peter Boscio presented boards. The first proposal is for a new entry canopy which is off the rotunda area at Water Place. The applicant is proposing an illuminated pylon sign and a covered entry canopy. The materials proposed for the sign are brushed aluminum with push through letters in red acrylic. The canopy for the sign is also red acrylic. The applicant is proposing to replace some of the existing paving materials with granite pavers. The base will be 24 x 24 inch squares with a 6 x 24 inch border. The canopy feature will start at the mullion line which is at 8'-2". The unit itself is 18" tall. The applicant is proposing seasonal seating.

The south side of the building has an existing patio. The applicant is proposing to install a canopy structure along the waterside. The structure will incorporate a drink rail that will be clad in metal and contain a red illuminated band that wraps around the bottom. The signage will be constructed the same. The proposed entry sign is 10' tall with the same materials and elements. The windows on the south, west and east side will have sheers to help with the sun glare. The applicant will be replacing some of the glass panels for louvered panels for the exhaust system.

A motion was made by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. DeConti, for the Commission to accept the recommendations from the Design Review Committee and approve the proposal as submitted. All voted in favor.

6. Parcel 14: Request for Landscaping, Lighting, and Signage

Mr. Durkee recused himself.

Mr. Nate Kelly and Ms. Virginia Branch appeared before the Commission to present the plans. Mr. Kelly presented the landscape plans. The two guiding elements for the plant selection and the location are aesthetics and the LEED certification process.

Ms. Branch presented the lighting plan. The applicant is trying to attain a soft up-lighting with a cut-off at the base of the building. Ms. Branch presented cut sheets to the Commission members. There will be two roof mounted lights to illuminate the flag pole.

Ms. Branch presented the proposed two renderings for signage. The street address has been separated from the logo. Ms. Branch presented a sample of the bronze plaque.

A motion was made by Mr. DeConti, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo,,to approve the plans as presented. All voted in favor, except Mr. Durkee.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Christopher Thomas
Secretary/Treasurer