## CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2012

Attendees:

CCC Members: Chairman Fran Paquette, Commissioner John Budd, Commissioner Ed Pietrewicz,

Commissioner Joe Capone Absent : Commissioner Scott Najarian

City: Heather Gould

SMG: Sandy Dunn, James Moughan, & Julia Iorio

Guest: Priyanka Dayal, Telegram & Gazette

Minutes Prepared by: SMG

#### 1. Call to Order:

Chairman Paquette brought the meeting to order at 12:13pm and offered the Commission's sincerest condolences on the passing of Sandy Dunn's father, Dr. Douglas MacMillan.

# 2. Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2011

Commissioner Pietrewicz requested that a notation of caution be added to the minutes with regard to the potential arena retail space (being that Dunkin Donuts or otherwise) as it pertains to DCU's upcoming naming rights renewal.

Commissioner Pietrewicz also inquired whether the thank you letter had gone out to the City's DPW Department for their assistance during the recent grease back up incident in the convention center. Sandy Dunn offered her apologies as she had not sent the information to the Commission for the letter to be generated.

Commissioner Capone motioned to accept the minutes with added notations; seconded by Commissioner Budd. (4 yeas, 0 nays) *Motion passed*.

# 3. Rent Credit Request - Updated Community Fee Day Report (provided by SMG)

Chairman Paquette motioned to file, seconded by Commissioner Pietrewicz. (4 yeas, 0 nays)

# 4. Major Projects - DCU Center Master Plan Update (H. Gould)

Heather reporting that since the last meeting with the architects, the City and SMG have been in discussion with answering some additional questions that have come forth. Based on the current schedule, the architects are looking to have a final design by the end of January along with a new cost estimate. Both of these are planned to be presented at the February Commission meeting. The architects are also looking to compliment the renovations of the DCU Center with the surrounding construction happening at City Square. Commissioner Pietrewicz stated that during the last meeting it was the consensus that Option 3 and 4 were the top choices in design, with more strength in Option 4 (Square design/Highlighting Major Taylor). Heather reported that Tim McGourthy also consulted with the City Manager on this selection and was given the approval to proceed in this direction. Additionally, Heather plans to have a City Square representative provide an update on that project at the March meeting. Commissioner Pietrewicz asked for clarification if the District Financing is affecting the renovation project monies in any way. Heather confirmed that this is not the case, they are two separate entities.

## 5. SMG Reporting

a. Monthly Highlights – Sandy Dunn

- First two Open Skate events were very successful and looking to add another date in February.
   DCU was the sponsor and also supported by WXLO.
- Firefighter Reception staffed by SMG full-time employees helping to keep expense minimal.
- Cake Presentations by Sweet continue to be well received by Artists and Promoters.
- Sharks attendance is slightly ahead with group numbers up and season tickets parallel. The
  months ahead of January, February and March are their most crucial. San Jose officials were in
  last weekend for a Q&A event session, which was well received by season ticket holders. SMG
  has one year left in the Sharks agreement and are now beginning initial negotiations.

#### a. Sales Report - Jim Moughan

- Mass Green Career Conference / October 2012 possibly looking at two events per year
- DayGlow Concert has another proposal in hand for a repeat event in 2012
- Worcester EMS Conference for May 2012 is reviewing our proposal

#### b. Financial Statements - November 2011 - Julia Iorio

- Actual Events (41) / Budgeted (30) very positive impact in the numbers putting us at \$33,000.00 over budget for the month.
- Year to Date Net Operating Income coming in at \$190,000.00 over budget thru 11/30.
- Continuing to see savings in the category of indirect expenses

Commissioner Capone questioned an overage of \$47.00 in the category of Luxury Seating and how that figure is calculated. In addition, Commissioner Capone inquired as to the current cost of luxury seating. Sandy stated that individual luxury seats are now at \$4,800.00 and are bought in pairs. However, there are various deal packages that are bundled with advertising packages which include luxury box seats. These deals can range from 1 to 3 year packages. A few box seats have come up for sale just recently.

Commissioner Pietrewicz inquired if Heather had confirmed with the Budget Office regarding the figures for the carpet and the marquis were inflated. Heather agreed that this was correct and an updated document will be provided to the Commission.

#### 6. New Business -

Commissioner Capone readdressed the Dunkin Donuts Express space. The law department has counseled that there are no conflicts with signage as it pertains to DCU's naming rights to the venue. Heather intends to have the architects rename the space itself to just "retail space", with no name assigned. Preliminary discussions for Dunkin Express are looking to be very aggressive. SMG and the City are discussing which agreement types; license vs. lease, short term vs. long term, etc. and what may be best route long term. Sandy Dunn commented that it is probably too early to say who will occupy the space. Rather, the focus is to engage that street side, on the interior and exterior, rather than having it a wall as it currently is. Commissioner Capone asked to inquire with the DPW about assigning three parking spots (with a 20 minute limitation) in this area in order to entice people to use the retail space.

## 7. Dates and Time of Subsequent Meetings

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 DCU Center Conference Room - 12 Noon

Commission Pietrewicz moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Commissioner Capone. (4 yeas, 0 nays) *Motion passed*.

Meeting Adjourned - 12:52 pm



# CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 23, 2012

## **EVENTS & MARKETING**

## Pats lose, but USA wins!

On February 4 & 5, the DCU Center hosted the 2012 Fed Cup with major milestones made in Women's Tennis. Serena Williams clinched a win for USA against Belarus, putting USA back in contention for World Group I while sister, Venus hit the courts for her first match since dropping out of the US Open and being diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome. Pictured below is Team USA (left) and Jim Moughan and USTA Chairman of the Board and President, Jon Vegosen (*right*) with a Sweet cake presentation.

Fran Paquette, Chairman, and City Councilor Palmieri represented the Civic Center Commission and the City of Worcester respectively in accepting a plaque from the USTA which will become a permanent installation here at the DCU Center. A replica was presented at center court on the second day of the matches with the final engraved version to be forwarded in the near future. A location for the installation is still to be determined.

The event was broadcast nationally on the Tennis Channel and had an impact on the entire city. USTA New England held a clinic on the Wednesday prior (Feb 1) in the Exhibit Hall of the DCU Center where more than 400 WPS students attended to learn about fitness, healthy living and the sport of tennis. The Mayor, City Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and the Governor were all in attendance. The students received their own tennis racquet and ball and got to ask TEAM USA questions about fitness and their lifestyle. Many even got to play with Venus! USTA hosted the opening night banquet at Tuckerman Hall and the Draw Press Conference and lunch at Mechanics Hall. Participants and officials were in the City for the week and attended many local restaurants and cultural attractions.





6 Foot Five Cupid - Harlem Globetrotters' Ambassador of Goodwill, Wun "The Shot" Versher, visits Worcester Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14 and will be making a variety of appearances to promote the Harlem Globetrotters 2012 Rookie Class World Tour at the DCU Center on Sunday, February 26 at 2PM. The appearance schedule included a Valentine's Day surprise for our naming rights partner (and event sponsor) DCU- at their corporate headquarters!



## **FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT**



Bridal Expo Excitement - The
 Savor booth presentation at the
 recent Bridal Expo proved to be a
 head turner with both on site
 interest for reception space as well
 as requesting Savor to cater off site
 and/or provide a coordinated candy
 bar as seen here.

# OPERATIONS, HOUSEKEEPING, & PHYSICAL PLANT DEPARTMENTS

- Concourse Showcase Signage A complete retrofit was done in house on the outdated electronic
  message centers located on the concourse. It is expected that we will receive National Grid rebate
  monies for the use of LED in the new units. Several have already been sold to new advertisers Havard
  Pilgrim and Commerce Bank.
- No Snow Zone Lower demand for snow removal has positively impacted the demand on staff, supplies
  and equipment. Expecting to net a savings if current weather patterns continue.

## FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

- Human Resources Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Injury reporting completed in January. 653
   W-2's for calendar year 2011 distributed to employees. Total gross wages: \$4.1M. 1099's calculated and distributed to vendors by 1/31/12 deadline.
- Year End Annual OSHA 300A log completed and posted for 2/1/12 due date.
- Finance Transition has begun to move all local banking from Bank of America to Commerce Bank.

# SALES DEPARTMENT

# Monthly Sales Report - January 2012

Name	Banquet/ Social	Conference/ Convention/ Tradeshow	Date of Event	# of Days	Anticipated Attendance	New Business	Repeat Business
Banquet/Social Contracts							
Annese/Barrett Wedding Reception	1		11/17/2012	1	150	1	
Shrewsbury High School Senior Prom	1		5/25/2013	1	500		1
Evangelical Haitian First Baptist Church	1	=======================================	6/30/2012	1	300	1	
	3			3	950	2	1
Conference/Convention/Tradeshow Contr	acts						
CareerMD Career Fair		1	10/15/2012	1	75	1	
2012 Magic the Gathering Regional		1	6/9-10/12	2	600	1	
Artist Simply Being Human Dance		1	1/11-13/13	3	500	1	
Worc. Reg. Research Bureau Annual Mtg.		1	5/30/2012	1	200		1
UCF Jack Frost Challenge		1	1/5/2013	1	3,000		1
Jamfest Jingle Jam		1	12-7-8/12	2	3,000		1
Worcester State University		1	5/12/2012	1	7,000		1
Monsters of Hip Hop		1	11/9-11/12	3	250		1
2012 NE Assoc. Press News Ex. Assoc. Conf. and Annual Meeting		1	9/14/2012	1	140	1	
Castleberry Fairs Holiday Craft Festival		1	11/29-31/12	3	8,000	1	
2012 Nat. MS Society Greater NE Chapter Conference & Annual Meeting		1	10/20/2012	1	250	1	
Rock & Shock		1	10/12-14/12	3	5,000		1
Samsung AT&T Note Training Tour		1	2/15-16/12	2	200	1	
Commerford Zoo Kids Fair		1	2/1-3/13	3	8,000		1
Transfusion Medical Conference		1	11/14/2012	1	300		1
The Great Estate Roadshow		1	2/13-18/12	5	250		1
MA Teen Pregnancy Conf.		1	11/6/2012	1	200		1
DayGlow Concert - Ex Hall		1	4/18/2012	1	5,000		1
Cross Country Education Seminar		1	5/3/2012	1	40		1
*** SOOP 1		19		36	42,005	7	12

# Proposals

	Banquet/ Social	Conference/ Convention/ Tradeshow	Date of Event	# of Days	Anticipated Attendance	New Business	Repeat Business
Samsung AT&T Note Training Tour	,	1	2/15-16/12	2	200	1	
Annese/Barrett Wedding Reception 2012 Nat. MS Society Greater NE Chapter	1		11/17/2012	Ť	150	1	
Conference & Annual Meeting		1	10/20/2012	1	250	1	
Regina Villa Assoc.		1	May. 2012	1	250	1	
North Worc. Spanish Jehovah Witnesses		1	4/5/2012	1	250	1	
Another Jehovah Witness Group		1	4/5/2012	1	100	1	
MA Environmental Health Assoc.		1	May. 2012	1	100	1	
Nypro Corp. Meeting		1	3/13-14/12	2	100	1	
Hammond Wedding Reception	1		6/30/2012	1	200	1	
CVB - Assoc. Lead		1	Jun. 2012	3	300	1	
Fred Pryor Seminar		1	7/10/2012	1	30		1
Fred Pryor Seminar		1	7/12/2012	1	30		1
Vanacore Wedding	1		5/18/2013	1	150	1	
RI United Church of Christ Annual Mtg.		1	5/6/2012	1	1,100	1	
MBHP Statewide Meeting		1	6/15/2012	1	350	1	
Energy Efficiancy Appreciative Inquiry Summit		1	4/9-10/12	2	200	1	
Bethsaida Christian Center Gospel Concert		1	6/23/2012	1	700	1	
Sherwin Williams Pro Show		1	4/24/2012	1	150	1	
Taking Control of Your Diabetes		1	9/20-21/12	2	800	1	
MPI/NE Edcuational Conference		1	5/23-24/12	2	200	1	
Child Passenger Safety Conf.		1	9/19-20/12	2	200	1	
2012 Nat. MS Society Greater NE Chapter Conference & Annual Meeting		1	10/20/2012	1	250	1	
PCB Design East		1	Apr. 2013	4	1,200		1
Future Horizons/Autism		1	Mar. 2013	1	300	1	
Amazing Pet Expo		1	TBD	2	4,000	1	
Peak Potentials		1	Fall. 2012	3	800	1	
Eastern Outdoor Reps		1	Aug. 2013	2	1,000	1	
Rockwell Automation		1	Spring 2013	3	400		1
Mass Watershed Coalition		1	4/19/2012	1	150	1	
DeSylia Wedding	1		TBD	1	150	1	
Institute for Brain Potential		1	4/24/2012	1	270		1
New England Pop Warner		1	Nov. 2012	1	4,000		1
Homeland Security Conference		1	5/3/2012	1	400	1	
General Motors Training		1	5/9-11/12	3	500	1	
AOE Event/Concert		1	Spring 2012	1	5,000	1	
Castleberry Fairs		1	11/29-2/1/12	3	8,000	1	
Hayes Birthday	1		6/23/2012	1	140	1	
University Campus Park Prom	1		May. 2012	1	150	1	

	8	38		68	42,930	40	6
US Attorney's Office	·	1	4/9/2012	1	350	1	
US Attorney's Office		1	5/8/2012	1	550	1	
Sam's Club		1	3/1/2012	1	60	1	
American Planning Association		1	10/17-18/12	2	600	1	
Mass Youth Soccer Lunch	1		12/2/2012	1	200	1	
Christian Concert Promoter		1	TBD	1	6,000	1	
Cancer Bike Ride Dinner	1		5/3/2012	1	150	1	
US Naturalization Program		1	5/2/2012	1	2,500	1	

#### Site Visits & Appointments

Marie Annese & Mike Barrett - Wedding

Ivy Hammond - Wedding

Emmanuel Allatey - Bethsaida Christian Center

Jeff Lombardy - Sherwin Williams

Jeff Lombardy & Ben Hullmold - Sherwin Williams

Worc. Hotel Partners Mtg. Re: MPI/NE Conference

New England Soc. Of Assoc. Executives New England Tradeshow - Cambridge

Imperial Distributors group

Sandy Ellis - MA Nurses Assoc.

Marta Ginetti - Intern, summer 2012

State Police

Alan D'Alessandro

Reliant Medical Group

Amy Domain/General Motors

Terry Mullins/Castleberry Fairs

M.S. Society Staff

Apostolic Church Staff

Andi Esposito/Associated Press Conf.

Kayla Harkness/MA Independent Car Dealers Association

#### Conf./On sale Arena Events

U.S. Synchronized Skate Championships 3/1-3/12
Disney on Ice 4/19-22/12
Nickelback 4/28/2012

Trackable overnight room pick-up for Jan. 2012

Event	Date	# of Days	Rm Nights
Spirit Sports Cheerleading	1/13-15/12	3	
TNA Wrestling	1/20/2012	1	