

**Executive Committee Meeting  
January 19, 2006**

**Draft Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Michael Pace, Committee Chair  
Benson Cohn  
Andrew Sullivan

Other Board Members Present:

James Francis  
Theodore Martland  
Raymond O'Brien

Staff Present:

Tom Kirk, President  
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer  
Peter Egan, Director of Environmental Affairs & Development  
Floyd Gent, Director of Operations  
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services  
Kristen Greig, Secretary to the Board/Paralegal

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2005 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was made by Director Sullivan and seconded by Director Cohn.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. President's Report**

Mr. Kirk noted that last week CRRA held a ceremony awarding the \$1,000 scholarship that is awarded to an environmental sciences or civil engineering student. Mr. Kirk stated that the money comes from the Shelton skating center due to an agreement between CRRA and the skating center arising from an encroachment issue. Mr. Kirk said that the scholarship was a reasonable and appropriate way to handle the inadvertent and inconsequential encroachment.

Mr. Kirk said that, at that time, he was approached by the principal of the skating center regarding a project that would involve CRRA's land. Mr. Kirk explained that CRRA was asked to consider leasing some land that would allow the skating center to build a rowing boathouse for use primarily by the Fairfield University rowing team, but also for the public's use. Mr. Kirk stated that such a project did not appear to be contrary to any public policy, but said he would like input from the Committee on the matter before agreeing to see a proposal. Director Cohn

asked if there were any liability issues. Mr. Kirk responded that any liability associated with utilizing the land was no greater than the existing liabilities from the public utilizing the land currently leased by the skating center.

Chairman Pace asked if the land would be leased to a private company. Mr. Kirk responded in the affirmative. Chairman Pace said he would have no problem leasing the land to the University, but he did not like the idea of a third-party making a profit from the public's land. Mr. Kirk said that he would pass that concern along, and added that he was under the impression that there would be no benefit to the corporation that owns the skating center.

Chairman Pace said that he would like the Executive Committee to focus on the business model and plan. Chairman Pace stated that the Committee also needs to discuss the future of the facilities, the assets of the organization, and where the organization will be with respect to the future of the Bridgeport Project. Chairman Pace stated that the "big picture" plans need to be clearly articulated. Mr. Kirk agreed and said that there are also other issues that he would like the Committee to be aware of.

Mr. Kirk noted that Directors have a statutory attendance requirement that states that a Director is not allowed to miss three consecutive meetings. Mr. Kirk said that there is one issue that is being addressed with a Director. Mr. Kirk asked that all members keep that in mind and said that staff would also track attendance and remind Directors when they have missed two consecutive meetings.

Mr. Kirk stated that several Board members have terms that are ending in June and said that it is his sincere hope that all members will be interested in reappointment. Mr. Kirk recognized that might be a bit ambitious, but said he hopes those members will contact their appointing authorities and agree to another four years. If that is not the case, understanding that there will be vacancies, Mr. Kirk said that he feels that there would be some benefit to the Committee providing possible candidates to the appointing authorities. Chairman Pace said that he would like to complete this budget cycle before working on any transitions in the Board. Chairman Pace stated that some of the outstanding issues need to be resolved and future planning needs to be done with the current Board to ease the transition for new members when they are appointed.

Mr. Kirk noted that Committee reappointments would be done at the next Board meeting and said that a list of the current committee membership would be provided to the Chair for his review. There was a brief discussion regarding the current membership on Committees and any possible changes that might be made.

Chairman Pace asked if there was any legislation that CRRA should be aware of. Mr. Kirk responded that CRRA does not have an agenda for this legislative session. Mr. Kirk said that CRRA would be available to legislators to discuss the Bottle Bill or any other issues pertaining to CRRA and added that it was CRRA's intent to use this session to educate legislators on the Solid Waste Management Plan.

**3. Executive Session**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion made by Director Cohn and seconded by Director Sullivan was approved unanimously. Chairman Pace requested that the following people remain during executive session, in addition to the Committee members:

Director Francis  
Director Martland  
Director O'Brien  
Tom Kirk  
Jim Bolduc  
Peter Egan  
Floyd Gent  
Laurie Hunt

The executive session commenced at 12:14 p.m. and concluded at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Pace noted that no votes were taken in executive session.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Pace made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Director Cohn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen B. Greig  
Secretary to the Board/Paralegal