

**Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2009**

Members Present: Barbara Krick Sarah Singleton Christopher Taylor
Robert Snider Tom Crawford Douglas Chapman

Members Absent: None

Guests:

Richard Clark, Amazing Blue Taxi
Dave Buchel, Select Ride
Officer Sean Lee, Ann Arbor Police Dept.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Robert Snider.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY – None

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Taxicab Board meeting minutes, August 8, 2009

Barbara Krick moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2009 Doug Chapman seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Removal of taxicab fuel surcharge

At our May 2008 Board meeting, a \$.25 temporary surcharge was implemented along with a rate increase. Due to the decrease in fuel cost, staff is asking that the surcharge be removed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion to remove the \$.25 temporary surcharge, Ms. Krick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Taxicab company license application

Silver Cab has submitted an application for his taxicab company. Officer Lee stated that Silver Cab was once apart of Great Lake Taxi and has since split; one going to Delta Transport and one to Silver Cab.

Ms. Krick moved to approve the application of Silver Cab. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Discuss various taxicab policies and procedures

The discussion of taxicab polices and procedures where initially brought by taxicab owner, Merlyn Wade at our last meeting. Mr. Wade is not present at the today's meeting. A couple of items that are still under review are additional taxicab stands and dual licensing for limousine and taxicabs. The areas under review for taxicab stands are Main Street near Connor O'Neil, (it was suggested that a cab stand be installed at a meter after hours from 8pm-6am), Church

Street at S. University, and Maynard Street near Scorekeeper's sports bar. In addition, a meeting will be scheduled with Tom Crawford and staff to again discuss the dual limo/taxicab license. Rick Clark stated that the only reason he has vehicle with a limo sticker is to go into other cities to pickup and bring them back to Ann Arbor. Officer Lee stated that some taxicab driver said that the city is prohibiting them from picking up in other cities by not allowing them to have dual licensing. Officer Lee said that he is not opposed to having a trial period for dual licensing which would require an Ordinance change. Tom Crawford said that if the ordinance is not enforced as stated, taxicab drivers will have the flexibility to choose whatever suits their interest at the time if they are stopped. Further review will be given to this issue.

Other New Business

Sarah Singleton presented the Taxicab Board meeting schedule for 2009. Two date changes were made due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. The new dates will be November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009.

Ms. Krick moved to accept the 2009 schedule with the two holiday changes. Mr. Chapman seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mr. Chapman. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.