

Special Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2014

Members Present: Michael Benson Robert Goeddel
Stephen Kunselman Eric Sturgis
Tom Crawford LouAnne Bullington

Members Absent: None

Guests:
Officer Jamie Adkins
Rajinder Singh

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 8:14 a.m. by Mr. Benson

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Kunselman added “Taxicab Location on Greenview” to be discussed under new business.

Mr. Goeddel moved to approve the agenda as amended, Mr. Kunselman seconded. The motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2013

Mr. Sturgis moved to approve the Board Minutes of December 5, 2013, seconded by Ms. Bullington. The motion passed.

2. Tabled - Taxicab Company License Approval – Best Cab

Best Cab taxicab company application was tabled at the last Board meeting pending the receipt of new graphics from Mr. Singh. Officer Adkins reported that Mr. Singh has submitted graphics for his vehicle. She has also contacted Mr. Singh’s references, a co-worker from Metro Airport and his nephew. Both said that to the best of their knowledge Mr. Singh did not have any problems with customers and have been in the business a long time. They also said Mr. Singh is easy to work for and work with. She was not able to reach the third reference and could not leave a voice message. At this point, it looks like everything is complete on the application.

Mr. Goeddel moved to approve the application for a company license for Best Cab, Ms. Bullington seconded. The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kunselman received a request to remove a taxicab stand that is located in a neighborhood off of Greenview. Apparently, the taxicab stand is never used and is taking up parking spaces used for community garden participants and visitors to a nearby park. This area is located between Stadium and Scio Church which is outside of the downtown area.

Tom Crawford said the city is getting ready to do an inventory of all signs later this year, which will give us the location of all taxicab stands. He said, in this particular case, he does not have a problem removing the taxicab stand on Greenview. Mr. Crawford said, taxicab stands that are outside of the downtown area are not used much unless they are located at a mass transit area or a sufficient retail commercial area.

Mr. Crawford said the traffic engineer makes the determination of where signs are located and he will forward the request for the Greenview taxicab stand.

Ms. Bullington moved to have the taxicab stand on Greenview referred to traffic engineering to moved or removed. Mr. Sturgis seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Benson said his concern is if the taxicab drivers knew a taxicab stand was located in a park, which may be heavily used, the taxicab stand could be a benefit. But if it is not being used, it is taking up parking spaces that could be useful for the park visitors.

Ms. Bullington said since taxicab companies now have computerized dispatch, cab stands are not used as much. Most cab stands downtown will get walk up customers but not so much in the outlying area.

Mr. Benson asked that a discussion on best practices for Taxicab Company applications be held at the next meeting.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sturgis moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bullington seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.