

**Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2010**

Members Present: Sarah Singleton Tom Crawford
 Barbara Krick Tom Oldakowski
 Stephen Kunselman Timothy Hull

Members Absent: Douglas Chapman

Guests:

Officer Bill Clock, AADP
Kristin Reid, Select Ride
Owl DiBlassio, Select Ride
Rick Clark, Amazing Blue
James Foutch, All American cab

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Barbara Krick.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- a. Tom Crawford introduced Timothy Hull as a new Taxicab Board member. Mr. Hull said he works at the University of Michigan and is also a UM graduate. He has always been interested city issues. He uses public transportation regularly.

- b. Rick Clark commented on the influx of new taxicabs and limousines. These vehicles have no contact information on the cab and they steal customers from other license cabs. He believes this reflects poorly on the city of Ann Arbor and poses a safety risk to the public because neither the city of the public knows if they are licensed and/or insured.

Officer Clock said that it is hard to monitor all taxicab and limousine in the city because the number of patrol officers is down and it is difficult for him to get out to all of them. Most unlicensed cabs and limo are seen after-hours when he is not here or during UM events.

TAXICAB ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Taxicab Board meeting minutes, August 26, 2010

Stephen Kunselman moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2010, Tom Oldakowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Taxicab Company Application

- a. Black Taxi – A representative from Black Taxi was not present.

Mr. Kunselman made a motion to remove Black Taxi's application from the agenda. Black Taxi will have to reapply and come before the Board to be considered for a company license. Mr. Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed.

- b. All American Cab – Officer Clock said he received the application from owner, James Foutch. The application appears to meet the necessary requirements. Mr. Foutch said the vehicle will be white with a red trunk and blue hood. He plans to provide 24 hour service with a day driver and a night driver.

Tom Oldakowski moved to approve All American Cab company application. Stephen Kunselman seconded. The motion passed.

- c. Ann Arbor Taxi Shuttle – There was no one present to represent Ann Arbor Taxi Shuttle.

Stephen Kunselman moved to postpone until the next meeting. Tom Oldakowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer Clock reported that he received a copy of a ticket issue to Mark Walls. Mr. Walls is a driver for Blue Cab. Mr. Walls appealed a denial of his taxicab driver's license due to 10 points on his driving record at our August 26, 2010 meeting. The appeal was approved with the condition that no further points are accrued. The current ticket was issue Wednesday, October 27, 2010 by a Huron High School liaison officer at 11:15 a.m. for urinating on school property in a public area. Tom Crawford said that this type of conduct by a licensed taxicab driver is prohibited. All drivers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. At our last meeting, the Board move to have Mr. Walls' license automatically withdrawn if another moving violation was received. While this is not a moving violation, Mr. Crawford said that something needs to be done to remind Mr. Walls of the obligation he has as a licensed taxicab driver. Mr. Crawford asked for Mr. Walls' licensed to be suspended temporarily. Mrs. Krick agrees that a 60 day suspension may be appropriate. Mr. Kunselman said that Mr. Walls should be present before the Board issue a decision. Officer Clock will contact Mr. Walls to attend the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Rick Clark, Amazing Blue Cab, asked who owns Ann Arbor Taxi Shuttle and Black Taxi. Officer Clock said Ann Arbor Taxi Shuttle is owned by Edward Harold of Saline and Black Taxi is owned by Mohamad Alalem of Ann Arbor.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Oldakowski moved to adjourn the meeting, Stephen Kunselman seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.