Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 2010

Members Present: Sarah Singleton Douglas Chapman

Barbara Krick

Stephen Kunselman

Members Absent: Tom Oldakowski, Tom Crawford

Guests:

Officer Bill Clock, AADP
Mark Waus, Blue Cab
David Reid, Select Ride/Yellow Cab
Debbie Rogalski, Across Town Cab
Doug Armour, Across Town Cab
Dave Butler, Word of Mouth Taxi
Rick Clark, Amazing Blue Taxi

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Barbara Krick.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

TAXICAB ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Taxicab Board meeting minutes, October 28, 2010

Barbara Krick asked that a correction be made on page 2, in the last paragraph that states Mr. Krick agrees..., should read Mrs. Krick agrees...

Doug Chapman moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2010, Stephan Kunselman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mark Walls – Officer Clock reported that Mr. Walls received a ticket for urinating on school property in a public area. The case has now been reduced to a lesser charge of a civil infraction and resolved two week prior to the taxicab Board meeting. Jim Fowler from Blue Cab said that Mr. Walls was put on notice of termination if this type of incident occurred again. Mr. Walls said that he realizes what he did was very stupid but he

was in an emergency situation. He said he was not near the building but was at the road with the door open and no one could see anything. He now knows it was a terrible judgment call which has cost him \$1,100 in attorney fees.

Barbara Krick asked that wording in the Taxicab Regulations be brought before the Board that includes conduct regulations.

Stephen Kunselman made a motion to remove Mr. Walls' issue from the agenda. Doug Chapman seconded and the motion passed.

2. Approval of Taxicab Company Application

<u>Word of Mouth Taxi</u> – Officer Clock said he received the application from owner, Dave Butler. The application appears to meet the necessary requirements. The taxicab color scheme will be charcoal/blue with distinctive lettering detailing the company name as Word of Mouth Taxi. Mr. Butler said his taxi services will run 24 hours.

Doug Chapman moved to approve Word of Mouth Taxi application. Stephen Kunselman seconded. The motion passed.

Debbie Rogalski from Across Town Cab said their cabs are charcoal-blue and that Word of Mouth should not be allowed to have the same color as Across Town Cab. Ms. Rogalski said that Across Town Cab was not allow to have the color "yellow" when they applied because Select Ride already had yellow cabs.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Debbie Rogalski from Across Town Cab would like to appeal the Board's decision granting Word of Mouth Taxi company license.

Stephen Kunselman asked that all cab colors and designs currently approved be brought to the Board and the issue be put on the next agenda for discussion.

2. Rick Clark from Amazing Blue Taxi said although he believes that no one cab driver should drive 24 hours, and it is impossible for one person to be available 24 hour a day, some single owner cabs are advertising 24-hour services. These owner/drivers should be required to advertise their hours of availability. Doug from Across Town Cab said that some one-cab owners are driving 18 hours which is a safety issue.

Tim Hull said that showing the hours of operation on the side of the cab may be something that we look at for one cab owners with one driver.

Officer Clock will identify the one cab owners with one driver and bring that information to the Board.

- 3. Rick Clark also asked again that the city deal with limousine operating as taxicabs.
- 4. The Board asked that staff look at taxicab company license to make sure they are in compliance. The Ordinance states that a company license is suspended if the cab license is suspended or revoked.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Kunselman moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug Chapman seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.