

**Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2013**

Members Present: Sarah Singleton Michael Benson
 Stephen Kunselman Tom Oldakowski
 Tom Crawford

Members Absent: None

Guests:

Steven Harrington, Metro Cab
Rick Clark, Amazing Blue Taxi
Fred Peebles, Blue Cab
Dave Askins, Ann Arbor Chronicle
Randall Grenham
Nur A. Hassan, Suburban Cab
Officer Jamie Adkins, Ann Arbor Police

A. CALLED TO ORDER – 5:45 p.m. by Stephen Kunselman

B. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Oldakowski moved to approve the Board minutes from December 11, 2012, Mr. Benson seconded. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appeal

- a. Randall Grenham – Officer Adkins stated that Mr. Grenham applied for a taxicab driver's license on December 3, 2012. In review of the documents submitted, his record showed he currently has seven points. Three points were issued for disobeying a traffic control device in September 2011 and a four points for speeding, 48 in a 30 mph zone, on February 1, 2012. By city ordinance, any taxicab driver that applies for a taxicab driver's license cannot have more than six points currently on their driving record. The currently points will remain on Mr. Grenham's license for three years. Three point will be removed September 2014.

Mr. Grenham's anticipate driving for Blue Cab pending approval of his taxicab license.

Mr. Benson moved to grant approval of Mr. Grenham's appeal for a taxicab license, valid through May 31, 2014 pending no additional violations. If Mr. Grenham receives a violation, he should immediately notify the city of Ann Arbor. Mr. Grenham's license would then be suspended until he comes back before the Board. Mr. Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed.

2. Taxicab Board Meeting Schedule/Time Change

- a. Ms. Singleton stated that the day agreed upon at the December 2012 meeting need to be changed due to room availability and access for the general public.

Mr. Benson moved to set the taxicab board meeting schedule for the next six month to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month, in the 2nd floor conference room. Mr. Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Hassan of Suburban Cab said the customers that are intoxicated cannot tell the difference between a limousine with a sign for hire with a phone number and a taxicab. Because of the design, it hard for them to tell the difference. Sometimes, they are also being over charged. He said there are too many limousines driving around.

Mr. Kunselman said in response to the limousine issue, the city is working with our lobbyist in Lansing trying to get legislation passed to refine the state limo law to make it clearer that they cannot act as taxis.

Mr. Pebbles of Blue Cab said Blue Cab has also proposed progressively increasing fine for violating the top light ordinance. Mr. Pebbles said when the ordinance change was made, there were no punitive or monetary damages set for violating this part of the ordinance.

Mr. Crawford said the fine is not defined in the taxicab ordinance but because it's a violation, there is a general city ordinance of \$500 that would apply.

Mr. Kunselman said he would support staff in communicating with Chief Seto to start targeting limos with top light.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oldakowski moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Benson seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.