

**PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF REVIEW
MINUTES – January 9, 2008**

A. Call to Order: 1:33 p.m. by Director Sue Klobertanz

B. Roll Call / Sign-In

1. Roll Call:

Abma (A) Bauhs (A) Corona (P) Huddleston (A) Rauen (P)
Miller (P) Ochoa (A) Putman (P) Yamasaki (A) Dufay (P)

2. Others / Audience: The list of other attendees is available from the Revenue Bureau.

C. Approval of Agenda:

Ramon Corona moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Butch Miller.
The agenda was unanimously approved.

Comment [CoP1]:

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ramon Corona moved to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Butch Miller. The minutes were unanimously approved.

E. Supervisor's Report:

1. Enforcement Update. Dufay: the bureau is thinking of spreading out inspection dates, possibly into a quarterly rotation to ease the burden on staff. Reporting on the current renewal period, very few vehicles have not been inspected. Vehicle permits that were not renewed and inspected by 12/31/07 automatically expire and with the moratorium, would not be reinstated. The problem is the City hasn't enforced this Code provision in the past, so we've been working to ease in enforcement of this policy. Near the end of November, Frank sent out 9 letters to town car owners that appeared to be operating without permits. He got a number of responses explaining the circumstances, but a few of these will require follow up. Hertz Rental Cars has been very responsive and is creating a no rent list, as their vehicles are not to be used for commercial purposes. Avis Rental Cars has refused to cooperate and responded that a court order would need to be presented to get personal rental info. Frank also found a numerous town car company advertising a price for airport transport at less than the required minimum. Frank handed out a proposed flyer to be handed out to town car drivers. This clearly defines the rules of operation and consequences of violations. The handout also includes an example of log book pages. Corona advised that hotels, through an agreement with the city, largely control parking enforcement in the hotel zones and that there is no indication that change will happen. Short discussion on how a political agreement seems to violate city code. Dufay asked for feedback on handout, and the board agreed that it looked good and Butch Miller moved that the Board show its support for distributing the handout.. Ramon Corona seconded. Motion approved.

2. Hybrid Vehicles Dufay reported that Commissioner Saltzman's office requested to see how green practices can be encouraged in the PFH industry. Currently no description of "green" has been developed in regards to this industry. Frank gathered information on company practices at the Company committee meeting and he will share that information with Saltzman's office. Some discussion on green practices and possible credits for measures to go green. Hopefully more information from the Commissioner's office to be distributed prior to next meeting of this board. Also suggestion to have a representative from Saltzman or Adam's

office attend this meeting or the company subcommittee meeting.

F. Old Business

1. Dispatch of cabs for disabled passengers, John Putnam, Current policy is that 10% of fleets are to be ADA compliant; this is a cut back from the previous requirement of 20%. Part of the reason that the cut back was allowed, was that if an ADA vehicle was not available, dispatchers were to contact other companies to locate the appropriate vehicle for the customer. John reports that through his experiences, this is not happening. This topic will be discussed at the company subcommittee meeting prior to coming back on this agenda
2. SAT recognition Ramon Corona, in his capacity as Parking Manager for the City, was recognized by the SAT industry for his work to create loading zones that will allow these vehicles to load and unload in areas that parking is very difficult.

G. Standing Committee Reports

1. Company

The company subcommittee elected a new chair, Doug Rauhen. He moved that the previously presented proposal (11/14/07) to replace the fuel surcharge, which is at .20 per mile with a rate increase of .30 per mile be put back on the agenda and re-voted on since the rate study will take longer to get funded than originally anticipated. Sue Klobertanz discussed the previous efforts to obtain funding for these studies and that she believed that it would be funded in the next budget cycle.

The group discussed the previous proposal.

Butch Miller moved to prepare the proposal for presentation to Council. Ramon Corona seconded. Motion approved.

2. Driver

No report.

New Business

1. **The Demand Study/Moratorium** Staff discussed that Eco Shuttle is operating without a shuttle permit because of the moratorium, but has taken to calling itself a limousine company, as it has in an article about it in the Tribune. There's Council interest in the company. For the next meeting, staff is to prepare a layout of problems and possible solutions in regards to the moratorium. This will be discussed at the next meeting to complete a proposal for Council in March. Sue believes that the formal rate and demand studies should be completed in 12-16 months. The current actions in relation to fares are to be considered "stop-gap" measures, interim steps to help the situation until the analysis is complete. Putnam suggested that a 5 year cycle for review of the factors covered in these studies be put in place.

I. Adjourn

Next meeting, February 13, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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