

**PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF REVIEW
MINUTES – November 14, 2007**

A. Call to Order: 1:33 p.m. by Chairman Yamasaki.

Dawn introduced Allison Madsen as new staff support.

Frank Dufay introduced Jeff Blosser, the new PFH Board member representing the tourism position on the board (waiting approval from Council), and Greg Mint, the other candidate for the position.

B. Roll Call / Sign-In

1. Roll Call:

Abma (P) Bauhs (P) Corona (P) Huddleston (A) Miles (P)

Miller (P) Ochoza (P) Putman (P) Yamasaki (P) Dufay (P)

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

C. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended to include one new item of New Business, December's Board meeting. The amended agenda was unanimously approved.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

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

E. Supervisor's Report:

1. Enforcement Update, Dufay, there was an expectation that a case would be an appeal heard regarding a fine imposed for a violation. The fine was paid and the appeal dropped, so no hearing. About a dozen letters are about to go out to unpermitted town cars.

2. Dawn Y, fines will be issued for violations; any fines not paid will be turned over to the City Attorney for legal action. Frank is doing onsite enforcement, during the day and outside normal work hours. Ramon Corona has set up a meeting for City staff regarding the current situation of hotels controlling the "hotel zones" and improper use of those spaces.

F. Old Business

1. NONE

G. Standing Committee Reports

1. Company

Miles handed out "Report on Meter Rates"

Primary findings/proposal from committee is to drop the existing .20 fuel surcharge and increase the per mile rate (from 2.00 to 2.30). No new fuel surcharge would be considered until/if fuel reached 3.75 per gallon. Yamasaki stated that funding for rate and demand studies have been approved in the fall budget monitoring process. Hopefully this study would be completed by April 2008, allowing for the supporting findings to make a case for a per mile rate increase or fuel surcharge, etc.

Discussion on recommendation from committee; Miles moved to accept the report and remove the fuel surcharge and increase the per mile rate to 2.30. It was seconded by Putman.

Vote: 1 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstaining.

Motion failed.

2. Driver

Butch Miller reported Frank Dufay attended the drivers' meeting. He expressed that they are glad to see Frank out doing enforcement.

In discussion of the proposed code rewrite, they would like language pertaining to training in English competency, geography, and parking regulations, etc., included.

From meeting attendee: Phillip Rilling from Aloha Executive brought up the ticketing of PFH vehicles for brief stops in traffic lanes for pick-up and drop-off of passengers. Ramon will check with Traffic on the double parking issue.

The Driver committee recommends hiring another enforcement officer, and pointed out the New Year's Eve will have more cabs from outside the City in the downtown area and the possibility of them picking up fares in downtown is highly likely.

Discussion regarding the changes at PDX and the new valet service. Drivers report that the service is causing severe issues for other PFH drivers, not only that over 25% of the parking is blocked, but that the location of the service forces a bottleneck at the terminal.

Putman moved that a letter to the Port be drafted asking a representative to attend an upcoming PFH board meeting to discuss the valet parking issue and its effect on PFH drivers. Ochoa seconded.

Dawn will be attending a meeting with the Port on 11/26 regarding the current construction. She volunteered to draft a memo to the Port.

Vote: Unanimously passed

New Business

1. December's PFH Meeting

Due to the overwhelming staff time needed during PFH driver permit renewal season, Dawn suggested that the December meeting be cancelled.

Some discussion ensued regarding issues around Metro West and unlicensed vehicles operating at OHSU. Dawn advised that the company is registered, the specific vehicles may not be. She invited any report of vehicles in noncompliance.

Yamasaki moved to cancel the December PFH board meeting. Corona seconded.

Vote: 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed, December meeting canceled.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Allison Madsen, Regulatory Program Specialist