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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
May 22, 2012

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. The meeting was held at Nevada Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 8:57 A.M.

Present were: Chairman Ileana Drobkin, Member Josh Miller, Member Joe Hardy and Member Dean Collins. Others present: were Charles D. Harvey, Administrator, Legal Counsel, Deputy Attorney General Scott R. Davis and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb. Absent: Member Dennis Nolan.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Ileana Drobkin called the meeting to Order at 8:57 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge was led by Member Miller.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Administrator Harvey stated that we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

4. Public Comment.

Steve Lanett commended Bill Shranko of YCS on his statements at prior meetings regarding drivers being able to handle the smaller conventions with the allocation given in August and because he was the only company that stands by his statements.

Chairman Drobkin welcomed Virginia Valentine from the Nevada Resort Association to the meeting.

Kevin Wilson thanked the Board for their last 2 decisions not to allocate any additional cabs. He stated that he feels the anger displayed by the drivers in the past is subsiding. He feels that the drivers understand that the Electric Daisy Carnival is an event that needs extra cabs.

Virginia Valentine supports the additional cabs when EDC is here because of it being at the Speedway, she feels cabs will be taken away from the resort corridor and the additional cabs will help service that area. She also stated that because gaming is available in almost every state now, that Las Vegas has to be very competitive and urged the Board to allocate additional cabs.

Sam Moffitt thanked the Board for not allocating cabs the last couple of months as the drivers were able to handle NAB quite well. With regard to EDC, he doesn't feel there will be 300,000 people in town to that event even with the Pacquiao fight the same weekend. He stated that during EDC, the peak times will be 2 AM to sunrise and during the day will be slower and drivers working during the peak time will be able to make money.

Stephanie Edelman stated she is happy that everyone has been agreeable the last few months. During the NAB, everyone was available from the companies to help and the longest wait time for a cab was 9 minutes and 28 seconds and 5-1/2 minutes during the other times. She said everyone should be very proud of themselves.

End of Public Comment.

***5. Approval of the April 9th, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. (for possible action).**

Motion: Approve April 9th Minutes
By: Member Hardy
Second: Member Collins
Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Discussion with Steve Patterson/Davy Ann Noahr, LVCVA, regarding the taxicab service during the past months.

Mr. Patterson thanked the drivers for the great service during NAB. Chris Brown, Executive Vice President stated that they will continue their strategy with regard to putting out information regarding upcoming events. He offered to meet one-on-one with the companies for suggestions on strategies how to improve service. He talked about upcoming events.

7. Discussion with Jeff Zamaria from the Sands Expo regarding taxicab service.

Did not attend.

8. Discussion with Harry Waters, Assistant Director of Aviation for Landside Operations at McCarran Airport.

Chris Anderson attended for Harry Waters stating the service has been excellent with 30 minute and less of wait time. He stated that numbers were up 3%-4% over the past year.

9. Discussion with Kevin Vaughn and Tina Gerber-Winn from Division of Aging Services.

Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Gerber-Winn spoke about the voucher program and they are reaching out to the lower income people as well as seniors and disabled to be able to take advantage of the voucher program. At this point, their program is not designed for social services, which is what is happening now. They talked about the rapport that Mr. Vaughn has created between the Taxicab Authority and the Division of Aging Services. He also does outreach with senior centers to see what is needed to accommodate them.

The Chair asked if there is a yearly income cap on eligibility and Mr. Vaughn said it was \$43,000.

Member Hardy asked if there was anything they'd like from the Taxicab Authority and Mr. Vaughn commented besides more money, they would like to address the company owners. He said that he gets a lot of calls about the service and thanked the owners as he hears great things about the drivers and



what they are doing to help out. Mr. Vaughn gave a handout regarding Taxi Assistance Program and Taxi Assistance Program Proposed Change. The Taxi Assistance Program spoke to the number of coupon books budgeted for, total books sold and the number of clients served with numbers comparing FY 11 to FY 12 which is Chart A. Member Collins asked why FY 12 numbers had dropped off as opposed to FY 11 numbers staying consistent. Mr. Vaughn commented that it was due to a limit being put on the number of books allowed per month. Mr. Collins asked whether the demand is strong and Mr. Vaughn said there are now 100 more books being sold than a year ago. Member Hardy asked if the outreach program was working and Mr. Vaughn said yes.

10. Discussion with Will Hanzel, Operations Coordinator, Las Vegas Motor Speedway and Mark Malone, Director, Las Vegas Parking, Inc. regarding the Electric Daisy Carnival.

Mr. Hanzel made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming EDC. Member Collins asked how many are expected each day – Mr. Hanzel stated that they are expecting 200,000-300,000 per day per ticket. Member Miller asked about the quality of service last year and how long a wait for cabs at the peak times and Mr. Hanzel commented that he has no specifics, but there was quick response from cabs, with Frias providing half of the total of service, although he did not know the wait times. Member Miller asked if the drop off and pick up times will be earlier or later and Mr. Hanzel replied that inbound and outbound cross and that this year the event time is one hour earlier. With regard to how they get the numbers of how many cabs are needed, Mr. Malone commented that they will have people assigned at the gate conducting a count of how many cabs come in and out and how many people to a cab. Mr. Hanzel stated that last year there were 75,000–80,000 per night as opposed to what is expected this year. For their complete study, information is available at the Taxicab Authority Administrative Offices.

***11. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the temporary allocation of medallions for the 2012 Electric Daisy Carnival to be held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway from Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 12th, 2012. (for possible action)**

Brock Croy gave his staff analysis regarding the EDC. He commented that looking at last years numbers, he feels 10 additional temporary medallions will be needed even taking into consideration the permanent allocation that was made last year.

Intervenors are Nellis Cab Company, Desert Cab Company, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Lucky Cab Company, United Steelworkers Union, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi, Ace Cab, Inc. Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Company, A Cab, LLC and ITPE Union.

Chair Drobkin allowed interventions.

Jaime Pino, on behalf of Nellis Cab Company read a letter from Ray Chenoweth that requested a temporary allocation, quoting NRS 706.8824, stating that not only will the Electric Daisy Carnival be here, but the Pacquiao vs Walker fight which will draw a very large crowd to Las Vegas. Their request is for 10 temporary medallions overlapping.

Member Miller stated that they are aware that more cabs are needed, but the problem still is will the drivers service the event. He stated that he feels it is as important to have the service where it is needed as having more cabs. Mr. Pino commented that being it is a new event for Las Vegas, they are still learning. He plans on having meetings with his drivers regarding deadheading. He feels another year is needed to figure it out. With regard to the permanent allocation of medallions, he stated that 90% of them have been absorbed. He commented that every weekend there are huge numbers of people in town and with these 2 events in one weekend, medallions are needed. The Chair asked him how he will make sure that the allocation is used as it is supposed to be used and will you give the



Board information that it was served. Mr. Pino said his plans are to have 2 supervisors 24/7 to be sure cabs are sent where needed and feels if the driver wants to make money they will go there. The Chair asked if he could track his drivers and he said they have GPS that they will give the drivers and he assured the Board they will be monitored. Member Hardy commented that he appreciates Jaime's comments and Mr. Chenoweth's letter, but the Board does not appreciate the P.S. on the letter.

George Balaban, Desert Cab, spoke of the numbers from last year's event and stated that the overlap of the medallions should be later at night as this event has different hours than a normal event. He commented that this year's weekends have unbelievable averages. He requested that 10 medallions overlapping – 12 PM – 2 AM, any 12 hours, then 5 medallions – 6 PM or 7 PM until 7 AM with maximum of 10 medallions from 7 PM – 2 AM because the Strip has to be serviced as well.

Bill Shranko, YCS, said their position has been no extra medallions unless a big event came into town and this is 2 "mega" events. He feels 5 and 5 overlapping, but more would be okay as well.

Desire Dante, Lucky, supports Desert Cab.

Stephanie Edelman, USW – also supports George Balaban stating that the hours are unusual for this event and that it's important how the allocation is scheduled so day drivers are hurt. She said that last year, drivers made a lot of money. She recommended – 3 medallions from Friday, June 8th at 6 PM through Sunday, June 10th at 2 PM, any 12 hour period; 1 medallion from Sunday, June 10th at 2 PM to Monday, June 11th at 2 PM.

Cheryl Knapp, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi supports Desert Cab.

John Hickman, Frias, gave the Board a handout showing the most recent events and fight numbers as well as for last year's EDC. He stated that there will be many of his people monitoring the traffic flow at LVMS who have met with event planners, traffic people, parking people. Their recommendation is – Friday, June 8th – 5 medallions, 12 PM – 2 AM and 5 medallions 6 PM – 8 AM – any 12 hour period; Saturday, June 9th – 5 medallions, 12 PM – 2 AM and 5 medallions 6 PM – 8 AM – any 12 hour period; Sunday, June 10th - 5 medallions, 12 PM – 2 AM and 5 medallions 6 PM – 8 AM – any 12 hour period.

Jay Nady, A Cab, asked if Mr. Croy, when stating 10 medallions, did he mean 5 and 5. Mr. Croy answered that he meant 10 medallions 5 – 7 any 12 hours. Mr. Nady asked that 10 medallions any 12 hour period at the owner's discretion rather than specific times. Mr. Croy stated that from enforcement point of view, they would have to be specific times. Mr. Nady agreed with that.

Richard Segerbloom, on behalf of ITPEU, feels that after looking over last year's numbers, when last year there were 7 medallions and none overlapping and the fight is only one night. He doesn't feel any additional medallions are needed, but if any are give, it should only be for Saturday.

Member Collins appreciates Mr. Balaban's information and all the testimony given. He agrees that the fight isn't that big. He supports 5 and 5 overlapping, 12 noon – 2 AM and 7 PM - 7 AM.

Member Miller supports 5 medallions, 12 PM – 2 AM, any 12 hours and 5 medallions, 6 PM – 8 AM, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Member Collins agreed.

Member Hardy agreed and stated that the industry suggested overlapping and staff had a problem and stated if it comes up again next year, he would like the industry to look into it and present the issues to the Board. The Chair said that the concern was the 12 hours. Brock commented that it was a numbers issue, but a times issue.



Motion: 5 medallions, 12 PM – 2 AM, any 12 hours and 5 medallions, 6 PM – 8 AM,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
By: Member Miller
Second: Member Collins
Vote: Passed unanimously.

***12. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the request of Ace Cab, Inc. Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc. for a review of fuel prices and the fuel surcharge; and for inclusion of this item on each future agenda. (for possible action)**

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation on behalf of staff. He stated the Member Nolan had asked him at the last meeting to look into the ceiling for fuel prices. Kelly stated that the EIA information is available weekly. He said it stated that gas prices should be at \$3.25 a gallon for 30 days, but did not mention anything about the top. He said that Member Nolan's recommendation was to put a ceiling at \$4.45 a gallon for 30 days. He commented that the EIA includes California in their West Coast stats and it is too high for Nevada and Mr. Nolan wanted the West Coast minus California which would modify the Order and asked the Board how he should proceed. Member Hardy there is no need to change the Order. Mr. Kuzik asked if the Board still wants this left on the Agenda every month as he and the Administrator monitor it every month. Chair Drobkin said there is no problem leaving it on the Agenda every month. Member Miller agreed and the other Board members did not comment.

13. Staff Report

a. Administrator's Report –

- Administrator Harvey stated that a Nellis Driver was commended for his outstanding service of returning a backpack left in his cab with a large amount of cash, credit cards and other personal belongings.

Member Hardy asked if the driver was present and the Administrator said no that a certificate was being prepared to present to him at the next meeting.

b. Stats for March and April, 2012

Kelly Kuzik asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the March and April Stats that were in their packets and there were none. He commented that the numbers were down slightly, but nothing to be concerned about.

c. Future agenda items

No items were discussed.

14. Report of Legal Counsel.

DAG Scott Davis said a hearing was held at NTA regarding the ITPEU Appeal regarding the permanent allocation of medallions that was given in August, 2011, and the NTA upheld the Taxicab Authority Board's decision. The Déjà Vu matter is in District Court and a decision is expected on June 18.



15. Public Comment.

Steve Lanett stated that last year’s EDC regarding deadheading, during the early hours the wait was about an hour. He commented that instead of making \$75 he made \$180.

Melanie Rogers commented that a dedicated cab and bus lane is needed during EDC. She commented that she had to clean drugs from her cab. She said that between traffic and drivers under the influence, it was a challenge.

Stephanie Edelman said that she had not seen the TA at the Speedway and feels that the TA should be there to help make traffic run smoothly.

End of Public Comment.

16. Adjournment.

Motion: Adjourn
By: Member Collins
Second: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary **Date**

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairman **Date**

Charles D. Harvey, Administrator **Date**

