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MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2017 BOARD MEETING AND HEARING

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the location of 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

Present from the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Chairman Stan Olsen

Member Bruce Aguilera

Member Richard David Groover

Members Not Present

Member James Campos

Member Roger Thompson

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chief Ruben Aquino led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Administrator Ronald Grogan stated the meeting is in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

4. Public Comment

No comments.

5. Approval of the June 22, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

All in favor of approval – motion passes.

6. Discussion with Maria Soto, Traffic Manager for LVCVA, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service

Maria Soto stated they have received extremely great service from the taxicab industry and the attendees are happy with the service. Ms. Soto stated ASD will be opening July 30, 2017 and ending August 2, 2017. Ms. Soto stated they anticipate increased requests for vans as the attendees will be transporting large packages. Ms. Soto stated the Magic convention will be held August 14th through August 16th. They anticipate increased need for transportation during that time. Overlapping shows booked on 9/12-9/16 Souvenir, InterClean and Mr. Olympia. SEMA follows and is being finalized. They will host a neighborhood meeting prior to these events. A designated right turn lane will be added on Desert Inn and Joe Brown with construction to start 8/19 – 9/9 which will require some 24 hour lane restrictions. Maps will be provided within the next week to the transportation companies.

dispensary staff saying if they aren't going to pay out, then drivers will stop bringing customers there. The couple of dispensaries Chief spoke with determined they are not going to pay kickbacks to drivers for bringing in customers. Would like feedback as to whether drivers are having issues with the dispensaries regarding possession or transportation of marijuana. It has been told to Chief that drivers have come in while on duty in their cab and purchasing marijuana.

In regards to EDC, the biggest issue Chief came across while on site was the lack of signage for concert goers to acquire alternate methods of transportation.

As to long routes occurring through the tunnel, Chief provided maps from March statistics for long routes from the airport tunnel to a property in the golden triangle. Statistics will also be available on the website.

Enforcement staff focusing on illegal operators. Seeing quite a bit of this still occurring with more being TNC drivers as they are not making enough money. Hoping to put together a task force with NTA. Drivers are being cited for no CPCN as well as the impound of the vehicle. It was requested at the meeting that we breakdown the number of TNC drivers within the no CPCN citations.

c. Stats for June 2017

Industry statistics are available on the Taxicab Authority website.

d. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items will include discussion regarding a passenger long route consent form and discussion regarding industry concerns with long route enforcement and investigations.

9. Report of Legal Counsel

Deputy Attorney General Asheesh Bhalla had nothing to report.

10. Citation Appeals

Sewlene Wondwosen TA#32158

Mr. Wondwosen was represented by Attorney Robert Winner of Desert Cab.

DAG Matthews motioned for the board to dismiss the appeal because no reason was given. The board denied the motion and heard the underlying appeal. The board overturned the hearing officer's decision.

Robert Fukuzawa TA#110371

Mr. Fukuzawa was represented by Attorney Robert Winner of Desert Cab.

DAG Matthews motioned for the board to dismiss the appeal because no reason was given. The board denied the motion and heard the underlying appeal. The board upheld the hearing officer's decision.

11. Public Comment

John Mowbray, Frias, suggested handling marijuana concerns within the taxicab industry in the same way alcohol is handled.



Desiree Dante, Lucky, Lucky held a 3 day training session with their drivers in regards to human trafficking and how to assist those who need help, which was well received by their drivers. Lucky was commended for their work.

12. Adjournment

All in favor of adjournment – motion passes.

Approved by:



11/8/17
Date

Stan Olsen
Chairman



11/8/2017
Date

Ronald Grogan
Taxicab Authority Administrator

