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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 21, 2011

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 1:00 P.M.

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

2. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

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

***3. Approval of the April 5, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes and the April 26th 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: To approve the April 5th Board Meeting Minutes

By: Chair Drobkin

Second: Member Hardy

Vote: Passed unanimously

The April 26th Board Meeting Minutes were not available at this time.

4. Public Comment

Steve Lanett, driver for Whittlesea, talked about George Knapp's interview regarding one of our senior investigators saying he thought the senior investigator got a raw deal. Mr. Lanett said he had spoken with Administrator Harvey stating he wants to hear some positive input. He said that there were no additional medallions allocation for the Memorial Day weekend and there was 100% occupancy and everyone was very well taken care of which is why he doesn't understand why there are always extra medallions allocated. He also commented on Rick Velotta's article in the LV Sun.

***5. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Application of The Jeffrey Michael Dugas 2004 Generations Trust, dated December 30, 2004, to transfer its non-voting shares of Whittlesea-Bell to Whittlesea-Bell.**

Cheryl Knapp stated that Jeff Silver, their attorney for the transfer of stock was out of town. The Board discussed the transfer and made the following motion –

Motion: To approve the transfer of stock as stated

By: Member Miller

Second: Member Marushok

Vote: Passed unanimously

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6. **Discussion with Stephen Patterson, Traffic Manager for LVCVA regarding the taxicab service during the past month.** No one attended.
7. **Discussion with Jeff Zamaria from the Sands Expo regarding taxicab service.** No one attended.
8. **Discussion with Heidi Nizowitz from the Mandalay Bay Convention Center regarding taxicab service.** No one attended.
- *9. **Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the request from Neal Tomlinson, attorney for Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co. Vegas-Western Cab, Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc. for the Allocation of Temporary Medallions for the Electric Daisy Carnival being held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway from Friday, June 24th through Sunday, June 26th, 2011 with an expected attendance of over 100,000 attendees.**

Neal Tomlinson, attorney for Frias Companies, stated that Frias was in touch with the promoters of the Electric Daisy Carnival to confirm how many attendees were expected and what this is about. This information is available at the Taxicab Authority. He said that Frias is asking for 7 medallions to run from Friday morning through Sunday evening.

John Hickman, COO for Frias, went on to explain the document he had given the Board which showed comparisons each weekend. He stated that their numbers are up with regular events which is why they are asking for an allocation for this event.

The Chair asked where they received their numbers for attendance and Mr. Tomlinson said from the promoters referencing this same event in different cities that were for 1 or 2 nights and that this event will be here for 3 nights. He said they are expecting 80,000 per night. The Chair asked if there was any information from last year and Mr. Hickman said that this was the first time this event was in Las Vegas.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that numbers from last year in Los Angeles was 130,000 for 2 nights and they will be in Las Vegas for 3 nights expecting 80,000 each night.

Member Marushok asked what the demographics were and it was DJs spinning and was there any restrictions on the attendance.

Kelly Kuzik said he spoke also with the promoters, Insomniac and agreed with the 80,000 expected per night. He said it is usually college kids. He explained that it starts at 8:00 PM and goes until sunrise with several DJs spinning for most of the time. He said that there would be 8,000 shuttle passes per day. He said that once they leave they cannot come back in the same night, they have to pay for another entrance fee of \$100 to get back in. This would be a \$60 cab ride one way. He agreed that an allocation was needed, but wondered if Frias wanted to change the times they requested.

Member Marushok asked if there was an alternate route and Kelly said that George Brazzale spoke with Nellis Air Force Base and they said they would not allow it as they do for NASCAR, but they would allow emergency vehicles to go through NAFB. Kelly stated that routes would be posted on our website. Member Marushok asked Kelly what staff recommends and Kelly said staff agrees with Frias' request.

The Chair explained to the Board that Staff would not be recommendations in the future.

The Chair granted interventions at this time.



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Intervenors are Nellis Cab, Frias Companies, Lucky Cab, A Cab, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi. Desert Cab, ITPE Union and Western Cab Company.

Jaime Pino, Nellis Cab, commented that he didn't have any numbers, but feels an allocation is needed, but not sure how many.

Desiree Dante, Lucky Cab, supports an allocation but from 7 to 7. Jay Nady, A Cab, agrees.

Cheryl Knapp, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi supports 7 medallions but wants hours to be 6:00 on the 24th through the last day at 6:00 giving the companies the flexibility to pull medallions if they're not needed.

George Balaban, Desert Cab, supports Frias stating that it is an hour ride to the speedway and back and feels when they see who they want they'll leave and also there will be a lot of checkpoints so cabs will be needed. Member Marushok asked how he would get his drivers to go out there especially because it is a weekend and George Balaban said it would be a problem, but he will have his people out there, which Member Miller had asked about.

Richard Segerbloom of ITPEU disagrees and opposes an allocation. He said there are enough cabs on the road already. He said it is an Ecstasy crowd not a beer crowd like NASCAR. If they were able to deal with Memorial Day Weekend without an allocation, they can do the same now. He said there will be shuttle buses available. He feels that it should be monitored for how many rides and then next time look at the numbers.

Member Nolan commented on George Balaban's comment about the checkpoints. He is not sure about adding cabs because there is a lot of down time normally for cabs.

Mr. Segerbloom commented that at 4:00 AM there are a lot of cabs in cab lines. He feels that more data is needed because right now it's just speculation.

Western Cab – no one was in attendance.

The Chair asked Mr. Tomlinson if he wanted to comment on anything and he said that it is not total speculation. He said they based their request on the information they received from the promoters and that was all attached to his application and intervention.

Member Hardy asked if Friday morning medallions were needed. Mr. Tomlinson commented that it would give the companies more flexibility to put them out at 6:00 AM Friday the 24th through 6:00 PM on Monday the 27th.

The Chair asked for a motion.

Motion: Allocation of 7 medallions per company to run from 6:00 PM Friday, June 24th through 6:00 PM, Monday, June 27th per the request of Frias. Also, he wants as part of his motion that staff to provide the Board a review and summary of cabs utilized during that time and that the Administrator can remove medallions if they are not needed.

By: Member Nolan

Second: Member Hardy

Vote: Passed unanimously



10. Staff Report

Administrator Harvey thanked everyone and said he's happy to be here and stated that the recruitment for Chief Investigator is critical and interviews have been going on and he hopes to be able to make a decision by the end of the week and have a Chief on board by the second week of July. He commented that he has had meetings with the industry as well as with TA staff individually. The Chair commented that she is very happy he is here.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation regarding the stats. He said he agreed with the Chair. He continued that the number of trips have been up for the 22nd month in a row. He said he will have all the requested information at the next meeting. He said that all numbers are up – trips per shift and averages are up; trips are up 7% from last year; blown shifts have disappeared, in 2007, there were 30,000 blown shifts and now none. He said over the past 2 years the industry has been phenomenal.

11. Report of Legal Counsel.

DAG Scott Davis commented that Handicab is still pending and the hearing is scheduled for District Court on June 27th, hopefully there will be some resolution. There was an appeal filed from the NTA's decision to affirm the Board's dismissal of the complaint that was filed by Déjà vu and Little Darlings Clubs on June 10th in District Court. Frias' appeal regarding the increase of fares and medallions to NTA has been withdrawn by Frias. SB 321 which updates the communication requirements of the statutes between taxis and dispatch was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. A requirement that imposes upon the Board is that it requires the Board to establish by regulation a system for the use of radio frequency identification or other electronic meetings to verify the validity of medallion affixed on a taxicab which means the rulemaking process will have to be done to comply with that Bill. There is no deadline set in the Bill for the passing of the regulation just that the TA Board shall enact by regulation. He stated that SB 351 is regarding granting the authority to set a fee for credit and debit cards transactions. Assembly Bill 545 changed the jurisdictional limits of the Board from counties whose population exceed 400,000 to now 700,000.

***12. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn
By: Member Marushok
Second: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairman **Date**

Charles D. Harvey, Administrator **Date**

