PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF REVIEW

Minutes for July 14, 2010 meeting

1. **Call to Order:** 1:35 p.m. by Kathleen Butler

   Roll Call
   Present: Ryan Hashagen, John Case, Kat Wilkes, Michael Huggins, Aryn Seiler,Ramon Corona, Gail Bauhs, Jeff Blosser, Al Ochosa, Chris Whalen, Kathleen Butler, Frank Dufay, Patrick Kramer and Raye Miles
   Absent:, Deputy City Attorney Shane Abma, Jon Putman, and Jacob Slaughter
   Others/Audience: The list of other attendees is available from the Revenue Bureau.

2. **Agenda**

   Motion to accept Agenda: Corona
   Seconded: Case
   Discussion: None
   Passed unanimously

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   Motion to approve minutes: Seiler
   Seconded: Case
   Discussion: None
   Passed unanimously

4. **Board Member Comments**

   An email communication from Jacob Slaughter was read. This email stated that due to family matters he has been unable to attend recent Board meetings. He has been keeping up to date on issues and hopes to be back later this year.

5. **Public Comment**

   (Each person who speaks to the Board is required to state their name and affiliation. There is a 3 minute limit per person.)

   Phillip Krain: Mr. Krain spoke to the Board regarding issues he has noted with bicyclists using taxis. His experience has been that taxis do not have adequate accommodations to transport a bicycle. If the bike is put in the trunk of a sedan, the bike gets damaged. He has experienced difficulties when specifically requesting a taxi van to accommodate his bicycle. He feels that bicyclist community is growing and that they are underserved by the taxi industry. Discussion by the Board and audience followed. Potential liability issues were raised in the case of a bike getting

damaged. A suggestion was made that a blanket could be used to protect the bike from damage during transport. It was noted that the taxi companies must give first priority use of wheelchair accessible vehicles to the disabled then they can respond to a bicyclist's request for a van. Tri-Met's Max trains and busses were mentioned as viable options for bicyclists. An additional charge was mentioned related to carrying the bike. However, the bike would be considered "luggage" and an additional charge would not be allowed by City Code.

Butch Miller: He presented a response to the letter provided by the Oregon Lodging Association at the last PFHT Board Meeting. Mr. Miller stated that regulation of the industry is necessary. He is concerned at the discrepancy between the percentage of passengers who choose taxis at downtown hotels compared to the percentage of passengers who choose taxis at PDX.

6. Consideration of Applications for Relief from the Moratorium

Process will be to consider each request separately taking a roll call vote on each application. Each applicant will have an opportunity to speak regarding their application.

□ 21st Century Towncar and Limousine Service

Applicant(s) present: "Jano" Khvicha Jgerenaia and Christina Burnside
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 1 Executive Sedan permit
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny application based on lack of documentation.

Applicant Testimony: 21 Century Towncar and Limousine Service has built their client base and has had to work with Portland Towncar Service to facilitate requests for town car service. They would like to request their own executive sedan permit in order be able to service those requests themselves.

Board Discussion: The Bureau will not use the future code revision proposal regarding limousine to town car ratios. Any documentation regarding demand for service received from 21st Century Towncar was provided in the packet given to the Board. The owner of 21st Century Towncar drives his own executive sedan under a Portland Towncar permit. He mostly takes care of 21st Century Towncar customers but does provide service for Portland Towncar Service as well.

Motion to Deny permit: Whelan
Seconded by: Corona
Passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Deny
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Putman	Deny
Ochosa	Deny

Whalen	Deny

Outcome: Application denied

- **AAA Shuttle LLC (not currently a permitted company)**
  Applicant(s) present: None
  Number/Type of Permit(s) requested: 1 Shuttle permit
  Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny based on lack of fixed route and schedule.

Motion to deny permit: Corona
Seconded by: Blosser
Passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Deny
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny
Whalen	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Putman	Deny
Ochosa	Deny

Outcome: Application denied

- **Down Time Well Spent (not a currently permitted company)**

Applicant(s) present: Jeff Crowder and Darren Murphy
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 1 Shuttle Permit
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Approve 1 Shuttle permit based on unique market.

Applicant Testimony: The service would be provided to truck drivers stuck in town with some down time and nothing to do. This would be an opportunity for truck drivers to get out and get some exercise and see the City. Truck drivers are a very underserved community. Applicant is a former truck driver and thinks this service will do well.

Board discussion: Will get a permanent vehicle as needed. Applicant has sponsors lined up pending approval. Applicant routes would be from Troutdale and has several routes in mind. Routes and schedules will be published on the internet. Discussion of what category the permit should be in. It was determined that this permit would be issued as long as used for purpose outlined in the application.

Motion to approve 1 shuttle permit: Whelan
Seconded by: Case
Passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Approve
Case	Approve
Wilkes	Approve
Miles	Approve
Seiler	Approve
Whalen	Approve

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Approve
Bauhs	Approve
Blosser	Approve
Putman	Approve
Ochosa	Approve

Outcome: 1 Shuttle permit approved

□ **GoSafe Shuttle (not currently a permitted company)**

Applicant(s) present: Vishv Goyal
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 1 Shuttle permit
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Approve 1 Shuttle permit

Applicant Testimony: Salary was left off of financial plan. His salary would be his profits. He sees a lack of options for service and wants to fill that void. Snacks would be provided. Routes would include Salem to Portland and Woodburn to Salem. He has been in contact with hotels about his proposed service. He plans on doing 4 trips a day.

Board Discussion: Concern was raised over pricing not being sustainable. A major existing company does offer service to those areas. However, that company uses large buses. It was mentioned that if you are a fixed route and schedule shuttle, you must keep to that route and schedule regardless of how many passengers you have.

Motion to approve 1 shuttle permit assuming it will not be operating on the "on demand" line at the airport and will provide a fixed route and schedule: Case
Seconded by: Blosser
Passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Approve
Case	Approve
Wilkes	Approve
Miles	Approve
Seiler	Abstain
Whalen	Approve

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Approve
Bauhs	Approve
Blosser	Approve
Ochosa	Abstain

Outcome: Approved 1 shuttle permit

□ **Lucky Limousine and Towncar Service**

Applicants present: Bonnie Fortune and Steve Killough
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 8 Executive Sedan permits
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Approve 4 Executive Sedan permits

Applicant Testimony: Lucky Limousine owns all their vehicles, all their drivers are employees who receive benefits. The recently acquired Carey contract has increased the amount of business dramatically. The contract stated they would need an additional 9 permits. They already needed 3 for their other business before the Carey contract. A printout of a Powerpoint presentation was provided. Charts of their business activity were also provided. The clients have been using the vehicles for longer periods of time and they have had to substitute limousines for executive sedans due to lack of executive sedan permits. All their business is prearranged.

Board Discussion: There has been a large increase of business usage in the industry. Case suggested issuing all 8 due to good documentation of demand. Butler stated that the way this process is set up applicants are encouraged to get their new permits at the time there is needed. The feeling is that Lucky won't buy all 8 at one time so they can be issued some today and they can come back for the rest as needed. The previous company with the contract had 12 permits. Concern was mentioned that those 12 permits are still in use. It was stated that it seems many of those who don't have the business to justify their permit are leasing their permit and operating on demand illegally. The Revenue Bureau is making this a focus of their enforcement.

Motion to approve 5 Executive Sedan permits: Ochosa
Seconded by: Bauhs
Motion passed: 7 ayes, 2 nays and 1 abstain

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Approve
Case	Approve
Wilkes	Abstain
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny
Whalen	Approve

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Approve
Bauhs	Approve
Blosser	Approve
Ochosa	Abstain

Outcome: 5 Executive Sedan permits approved

- **NW United Transportation & Shuttle Service (not currently a permitted company)**

Applicants present: Russell Newman
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 5 Shuttle permits
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny application, no fixed route and schedule.

Applicant Testimony: Scaled the request back to 2 shuttles due to the economy. Hotels

were interested in working with his company but they don't have a permit to operate in Portland. Route would be from 2nd and Burnside to the airport and back. They will also serve Wilsonville.

Motion to deny application: Miles
Seconded by: Bauhs
Motion passed: 9 ayes and 1 abstain

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Abstain
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Ochosa	Deny
Whalen	Deny

Outcome: Application denied

- **Portland State Airport Shuttle (not currently a permitted company)**

Applicant(s) present: Kenneth Lee
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 1 Shuttle permit
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny application, no fixed route and schedule.

Applicant Testimony: He has been working as shuttle driver for Raja Tours for the last 6 years and would like his own permit.

Board discussion: No fixed route provided.

Motion to deny: Ochosa
Seconded by: Blosser
Motion passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Deny
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Ochosa	Deny
Whalen	Deny

Outcome: Application Denied

- **Prestige Limousines**

Applicant, Chris Casteel, retracted his application.

- **Safe Airport Shuttle, SZM Corp., Sea/Vancouver Shuttle Service, Vancouver-PDX Airport Shuttle (lack of fixed route and schedule) and Sochi Transfer Company (no documentation of demand)**

Motion to deny applications as a group: Blosser
Seconded by: Bauhs
Motion passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Deny
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Ochosa	Deny
Whalen	Deny

Outcome: Applications denied

- **Wings Shuttle**

Applicant(s) present: Robert and Roberta Frazier
Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 1 Shuttle permit
Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny application, no fixed route and schedule.

They hired a driver who was supposed to take care of their renewal. The driver did not do it. The permit was lost due to non renewal. They would like that permit back.

Board discussion: There was question whether the permit in question was being leased. They do not have a fixed route. The company operates both in the reservation line and on demand line at the airport. They don't have a fixed route or schedule.

Motion to deny: Corona
Seconded by: Miles
Motion passed unanimously

Board Member	Vote
Hashagan	Deny
Case	Deny
Wilkes	Deny
Miles	Deny
Seiler	Deny

Board Member	Vote
Corona	Deny
Bauhs	Deny
Blosser	Deny
Ochosa	Deny
Whalen	Deny

Outcome: Applications denied

- **Wind Shuttle**

  Applicant(s) present: None
  Number/Type of permit(s) requested: 2 Shuttle permits
  Revenue Bureau Recommendation: Deny application, no fixed route and schedule.

  Motion to deny application: Corona
  Seconded by: Miles
  Passed Unanimously

  Outcome: Application denied

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Hashagan
Seconded by: Ochosa
Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday October 13, 2010 (originally Wednesday September 8, 2010)

Minutes submitted by:
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