

Capital Regional Taxicab Advisory Board (CRTAB) Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.
The Greater Richmond Convention Center

Meeting Minutes

Members of the Board present

The Honorable James M. "Jim" Holland - *Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors*
The Honorable Reva Trammell - *City of Richmond Council*
Mr. Jack Berry - *Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau*
Mr. Todd Eure for The Honorable David Kaechele - *Henrico County Board of Supervisors*
Mr. Jonathan Trainum - *Taxicab Industry representative*
Mr. Joe Alberti - *Capital Region Airport Commission*
The Honorable Ed Via - *Hanover County Board of Supervisors*
Mr. William Barrett - *Taxicab Industry representative*
Mr. John Easter, Greater Richmond Chamber

Members of the Board absent

None

Others present

Ms. Von Tisdale- *RideFinders*
Ms. Cherika Ruffin - *RideFinders*
Troy Bell - *Capital Region Airport Commission*
Greg Lukanuski - *Richmond City Attorney Office*

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman, the Honorable Jim Holland. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. All CRTAB members introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

The March 12, 2015 meeting minutes were voted on and approved with one correction on a motion made by the Honorable Ed Via and seconded by Mr. Berry. The correction- Mr. Trainum volunteered for the taxicab representative position when there were no other nominations.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Jack Berry-Presentation, Review, Discussion & Recommendations of Draft Proposed Amendments to Taxi Ordinances developed Subcommittee

Mr. Greg Lukanuski, City Attorney's Office, provided an update on the draft proposed amendments to the current taxi ordinances developed by the subcommittee. There was significant feedback from the subcommittee which is noted the packets distributed to attendees. It was noted that while each jurisdiction has the same ordinances they are numbered differently depending on the jurisdiction. Each proposed ordinance was reviewed one by one and was discussed by the industry and Board members prior to the Board voting. The Board voted unanimously to accept each proposed ordinance change with the stipulation that the proposed changes would be sent to each jurisdiction for legal review before any changes are made to the ordinances. The proposed ordinances to be amended are listed on the next page (Comparative Ordinance Table); however, for the purpose of the meeting the Richmond ordinances were used.

Comparative Ordinance Table

Ordinance Subject	Chesterfield	Hanover	Henrico	Richmond
Certificate of public convenience and necessity	15-179	22.1-4	21-66/67	110-32
Inspection of vehicles	15-173	22.1-28	21-27	110-33
Lettering and decal on vehicle	15-193	22.1-29	21-136	110-34
Rates enumerated; special discount for elderly or disabled passengers	15-195/196	22.1-34	21-139	110-37
Nonpaying passengers	15-204	22.1-41	21-148	110-45
Refusal of drivers to make trips preference in response to service requests	15-205	22.1-42	21-149	110-46
Driving with firearms, etc., in possession of driver	15-210	22.1-47	21-154	110-51
Duty of driver to keep taxicab clean and efficiently lighted	15-211	22.1-32	21-155	110-52
Dress code for drivers	15-219	22.1-2	21-161	110-53.
Certificate holder to have telephone listing	15-214	22.1-15	21-141	110-56.
Radio scanning devices; monitoring radio dispatches	15-215	22.1-50	21-158	110-57
Lost and found property	15-216	22.1-51	21-159	110-58
Driver's permit required	15-186	22.1-19	21-103	110-62
Investigation of applicant for driver's permit; issuance, contents and display of permit	15-188	22.1-21	21-105	110-64
Revocation of driver's permit	15-190	22.1-23	21-107	110-66
Revocation of certificate of public public convenience and necessity	15-181	22.1-11	21-69	110-70

See attached "Taxi Ordinance Proposed Amendments 23 April 2015" for the content to those proposed changes.

Ordinance (Sec. 110-44 in Richmond ordinances)-was a late addition to the ordinance proposed changes. The proposed change is to move the toll charge from this section and move it to the fare section of Sec.110-37 to read, When most direct route requires the payment of a toll the driver shall verify such route and that the passenger agrees to pay the toll charge prior to proceeding.

Proposed ordinance change (Sec. 110-64) request was withdrawn.

Mr. Lukanuski will forward the proposed amendments to the jurisdictions by noon tomorrow. Mr. Berry will follow-up with each jurisdiction. Once each jurisdiction has reviewed the proposed amendments, the jurisdictions will then have to approve the new amendments. There are also public hearings and public input/comment that will be included in the process. Mr. Berry noted that the localities are in communication with each other and will confer with each other in this matter. Mr. Berry noted that this is a process and will not happen overnight although there is a sense of great urgency.

New Business

Ms. Tisdale noted that she is working on an RFP for an entity to serve as the CRTAB staff liaison to include a larger scope of work based on feedback from CRTAB and industry level meetings. The company that was interested in serving in that role has withdrawn from consideration. The RFP is forthcoming.

There is no Customer Service training class in September due to the UCI Bike races. The hotel that hosts the class is booked.

The next meeting is TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
RideFinders, a division of GRTC Transit System