

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting
Workshop on Regulatory Matters

February 13, 2019

10:00 a.m.

MTS Taxicab Administration Building
1501 National Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113

1. Roll Call

Kenneth Nelson, Taxicab Administration Manager, called the WORM meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A roll call sheet listing WORM member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2018 and November 14, 2018

Mr. Hueso moved for approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2018 and November 14, 2018 WORM meetings, Mr. Majid seconded the motion, and the vote was 8 to 0 in favor with Mr. Nichols and Mr. Palmeri absent.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Mikail Hussein, United Taxi Workers of San Diego-Mr. Hussein discussed the fact that insurance renewals would be coming up in April 2019. He stated that the industry has had many problems, some being due to Uber and Lyft. MTS currently requires a certain rating for acceptable insurance companies and he would like to see the required rating to be eliminated. He stated that he has an appointment for February 14, 2019 with “one of the council” to review this issue as well. Elimination of the rating would allow for the reduction of at least \$50.00 of insurance costs.

Norival Santos, Lease Driver- Mr. Santos is a cab driver in San Diego, residing here for approximately 30 years; his concerns are related to the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa Borders. He stated that when he, or other drivers, take a fare to the border and are waiting for a return fare, the drivers who regularly work that area act like they own it. They will undercut fares to take passengers away from other drivers and turn down shorter fares. He stated that drivers have had tires slashed and items stolen in retaliation for working in “their” areas. He also said that there are many illegal ride share vehicles operating in the general area and at the actual taxi stands.

Mr. Nelson asked that Mr. Santos stay after adjournment to meet with Supervising Regulatory Inspector Fewell and provide additional details in order to develop a plan, or strategy, for follow up on the matter.

4. Taxicab Advisory Committee permit holder nomination and election process

Mr. Nelson reviewed the Permit Holder nomination guidelines and election process. The MTS Taxicab Advisory Committee Guidelines are provided with the original packet.

Action Taken

No action required, informational only.

5. Taxicab Advisory Committee lease driver nomination and election process

Mr. Nelson reviewed the Taxicab Lease Driver nomination guidelines and election process. The MTS Taxicab Advisory Committee Guidelines are provided with the original packet.

Action Taken

No action required, informational only.

8. Next Meeting: TBD

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Accepted:

Filed by:

/s/Kenneth Nelson

Kenneth Nelson, Taxicab Administration Manager
MTS Taxicab Administration

/s/Jamila L Larkins

Jamila L Larkins, Clerk of the Committee
MTS Taxicab Administration

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet