

Agenda: Item 2

Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]



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JORDANNA THIGPEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: Honorable Commissioners
FROM: Jordanna Thigpen
RE: Staff Report 11.25.8
Date: November 25, 2008

Administration/Policy

- **Office Hours:** The office is still open from 9-11:30 and 2-5 PM for customer service drop-ins.
- **We have a new, temporary staff member, Arthur Guilling, who will be performing clerical work and assisting the front of the office staff.**
- **PCC Meetings:** Scott Leon of the office attended the PCC Meeting on October 29, 2008, and the Taxi Subcommittee Meeting on November 5, 2008, where an update was provided on the debit card project. Staff and Commissioners attended the PCC's 30th Anniversary Gala in the South Light Court on November 14, 2008.
- **Taxi stands:** Hotel Vitale has requested a taxi stand, and I have requested that the stand on Castro Street receive a repainting.
- **Responsible Hospitality Institute:** I presented at this conference on November 14, 2008, held at San Francisco. Scott Leon and myself both attended. The conference centered around
- **Rules & Regulations Subcommittee:** The date is November 20, 2008 at 9:30 AM.
- **Taxi Wraps:** A new one was approved for Memorex, for Luxor. Another one was approved for the tourism authority for Dubai for Yellwo Cab, and another one for Starbucks, for DeSoto. **Companies need to remember that the wrap requests still have to come to the Commission office for approval – do not just wrap taxis without permission.**
- **SFMTA's Taxi Advisory Group:** The group has been meeting regularly and developed recommendations for the proposed Division of Taxis and Accessible Services if it is created within SFMTA's jurisdiction. The recommendations were presented at SFMTA's Board Meeting on November 4, 2008. The merger goes forward for a vote at the full board of Supervisors on November 25, 2008 and an announcement about the new director is expected within the week.
- **Tour and Sightseeing Buses:** I have continued to meet with constituents involved in the tour and sightseeing bus industry in Fisherman's Wharf and Union Square. We are attempting to come up with some creative solutions to the problems that are facing the industry from a permitting and enforcement perspective.
- **Taxi Driver Appreciation Luncheon:** The Driver Appreciation Luncheon was held on November 20, 2008 at 12:00 PM at the Beach Chalet Restaurant on Great Highway. The awardees will be announced at the hearing and they have been invited to come to receive a commendation from the Commissioners.
- **Halloween:** The Taxi Commission wishes to sincerely thank all the drivers and medallion holders that served AT&T Park for the City's Halloween celebration.

- **49ers:** Taxi Commission and Taxi Detail wish to thank Arrow, Big Dog, DeSoto, Luxor, Metro, National, United, and Yellow for sending Cabs to the 49ers Game against the Rams on November 16, 2008 (a victory on all counts). These companies each sent more than four vehicles. We also wish to thank Bay, Best, B&W, Fog City, Green, Max Cab, Regents, Royal, and Town who sent one or two each.

Enforcement/Regulation

- **Unlicensed Drivers:** On November 6, 2008, Eugenio Mallari of Arrow Cab was operating a spare taxicab at the Airport with no driver's license and no A-card.
- **Administrative Hearings:** Wei Chen Lee had the first part of his qualification hearing on November 7, 2008, but when he obtained counsel the second part was continued until December 12, 2008. Khaldoun Sukkar's hearing will be January 16, 2008.
- **Administrative Complaints:** There are several pending complaints based on summary suspensions and other fresh violations.
- **Board of Appeals:** There are several upcoming hearings including Ennazer, Rahimi, and several applicants who were denied medallions.
- **Lost Medallions:** Yellow has lost two more medallions. Attached is a list of the current lost medallions, if anyone has seen them.
- **Medallion Applicants:** Staff continues to process and investigate each medallion applicant as they arrive at the top of the list.

Lost Medallions for FY2009: Have You Seen Us?

ISSUE DATE	COMPANY	MEDALLION#	EXPIRATION DATE
7/14/2008	Yellow	567	6/30/2009
9/5/2008	Yellow	508	6/30/2009
10/27/2008	Black & White	953	6/30/2009
11/10/2008	Yellow	1061	6/30/2009
11/10/2008	Yellow	248	6/30/2009



SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

TAXICAB DETAIL

11/04/2008

To: All Taxi Drivers and Color Schemes

From: Inspector Ron Reynolds 137
O.I.C. SFPD Taxi Detail

Subject: **Sexual Assault by Limousine Driver**

The San Francisco Taxi Detail needs your assistance in obtaining suspect information regarding a sexual assault that occurred on 09/05/2008 at 11:30 P.M. On 09/05/08 a young woman went to the San Francisco Giants game at 3Com Park. During the ballgame she drank alcohol and became intoxicated. At the end of the game (09:00 P.M.) the woman went to 3rd and King and met several other persons. The group was solicited by an illegal limousine to take them to the Peninsula. During the ride to the Peninsula the woman became sick and vomited out the window and possibly on the limousine. The limousine driver dropped off all the other passengers except the intoxicated woman. The limousine driver parked the limousine and sexually assaulted the woman somewhere within the city limits of Burlingame at about 11:30 P.M.

The suspect is described as:

Black male, skin color "caramel mocha", 30 yrs old, bald, 5-11, thin build, with high cheek bones and with a pointy nose.

The limousine driver told the victim he has children and his daughter lives in Oakland, California.

Any taxicab driver or Color Scheme manager who has any knowledge of the above incident or possibly recognizes the suspect from the above description please contact Inspector Ron Reynolds at 553-9688. Any information at all, rumor, suspicion etc. will be appreciated. The Taxi Detail and Taxi Commission are very concerned about criminal behavior regarding limousines and need your help to keep problem in control.

Inspector Ron Reynolds 137

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