

Minutes of the Second Signature Ad Hoc Committee April 24, 2007

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

Committee Members:

Mark Sawyer, Chair
Randy Siebert
Gary Teter
Fred Schelar

Present:

Benjamin Foster, Executive Director, BTRO
Daphane Phillips, Administrative Assistant, BTRO
Earnest A. Cooper Jr., Vice President Aristocrat Towing
Bill Higgins, Jacks Towing
Thomas Blunt, Henrico County Police
Shaun Pharr, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs
Bill Woodson, Owner, capital Garage Inc.
Pat Carroll, State Legislative Liaison
Dale Old, Owner, Dale Old Wrecker Service Inc.
Dana Fenton, Director of Legislative Services, Prince William County, Virginia
W.L. Sumner, Chesapeake Police Department

Purpose:

Executive Director Benjamin Foster explained that Senator Marty Williams, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee had asked that the Board establish a committee of its membership to study alternatives to the state's current second signature law. And that the committee should work with local government representatives. Senator Williams' request was prompted by House Bill 2260 sponsored by Delegate Jack Rust during the 2007 Virginia Delegate Assembly.

Introduction of Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Executive Director Benjamin Foster asked each member of the Committee to introduce themselves to the public.

Election of Chairman:

On a motion by Randy Seibert, seconded by Fred Schelar the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mark Sawyer as Chairman.

Public Comments:

Chairman Sawyer asked whether any members of the public cared to address the committee or provide background information on the process of second signature requirements.

Dana Fenton, a representative of Prince William County gave an explanation as to how second signature works. Fenton stated that when a towing company signs a contract with another entity to provide service in a parking lot, that contract is considered the first signature. When a vehicle is reported for tow by the property owner, at the time the tower comes out to the property, than he/she needs to get the second signature.

Ad Hoc Committee Discussion:

There were various discussions on complaints, contracts, selling of property, pamphlets, and information's on city ordinances from the Committee and the public.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Foster suggested that the Committee wait for a month to see what information they received basic on the request from the representatives of the cities that were present at the meeting. The notice of the meeting will be posted on Town Hall.

Adjournment:

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 a.m.