

Day 1 Feb. 13, 1996

The D.P.U. held a meeting regard to the denial by the Cambridge License Board, and Cambridge City Council of the Jitney license.

The first day the U.S. Shuttle meeting started at 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. It was a five hour meeting. The U.S. Shuttle had a four and a half of meeting and the Cambridge Taxi owners had only a half hour. I Arthur Santoro and the City of Cambridge, invested money to improve the quality of service to serve the people better service's. We invested in the Cambridge Taxi School and the Senior Citizen's Coupons, and we were investing one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to serve the elderly accessible Cabs.

The License Board Executive
office called a meeting of all
the Hotel Managers to see
if they needed the U.S. Shuttle
service's. They all said they did
not need the Shuttle and they
were very happy with the
Taxi service's

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Day 2 Feb. 14, 1996

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. and lasted for four and a half hours for the U.S. Shuttle, and a half hour for the Taxi owners. The U.S. Shuttle had the floor, the Lawyer of the U.S. Shuttle questioned the U.S. Shuttle about the bad service the Taxi Cabs were giving to the Cambridge people. Many of the Cambridge witnesses said that we couldn't service the Bread and Breakfast Inn, that we refused to service the one on Mass. Avenue. The Inn was to far away for the Cabs to serve them. I got nervous and moved around seeing the Wall and Cambridge Inn lying about the Cambridge Taxi drivers. The chairman of the hearing was going to have me escorted out of the hearing hall if I didn't stop moving around.

The hearing chairman asked anybody who wanted to respond, the chairman of the License board Barnes spoke.

How the U.S Shuttle was operating illegally. The lawyer for the US Shuttle crossed examined Barnes, the executive officer of the License board Richard Scali spoke and said remember the License board voted against the Shuttle 3-0 and the Cambridge City Councilor's voted 9-0 against the US Shuttle license. Councilor Anthony Gallucci also spoke. The lawyer for the US Shuttle questioned and crossed examined Scali and Barnes, that was the first time I ever seen a lawyer cross examine another lawyer.

The chairman of the D.P.U. said there was not enough time to hear

the twenty five cab drivers that were present, twenty were Haitian's. They could not protest against the US Shuttle, so we picked Bill Cavellini to speak for the Taxi Drivers and owner's, he had only twenty minutes to speak, and he was shut of after five minutes.

This is very important this was not a jitney license or a D.P.U. hearing, when they finally came to Cambridge the last of the adjourn the lawyer that was supposed to request the Cambridge Taxi. & don't trust him. He said that the license that the US Shuttle applied for the Shuttle go directly from Cambridge to the airport. He said on the new license it mentioned the Shuttle going on a route thru Cambridge and continue out to

different locations. He protested the license to go directly to the airport. I Arthur Santoro it sounds like a lot of shit to me.

What is going on here is they are not asking for any new license, or a direct service to the airport.

What they are doing is they pulled out the Regal D.P.V. license and trying to use it now.

The Regal limousine went bankrupt and the license was never repealed.

Protest

Arthur Santoro the Advisory Taxi Committee, and the Cambridge Taxi School, board of director, and the VS Shuttle Committee protest that if the VS Shuttle runs, the Taxi owners who hold the Cambridge Medallions, which is a franchise to small business. The Taxi owners have invested over two million dollars in the Taxi business. This is their livelihood and the family livelihood. If the VS Shuttle runs there will be a loss of a million dollars in business to the airport. The Haitians own most of the Medallions and they are the ones to affect their livelihood and family livelihood.

P.S. I am a member of the 26th Yankee division Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also a member of the American Legion, 2 State House, Boston, Ma, 02133-1044

Feb. 15, 1996

To: City Clerk:

I would like this hearing, too many people are insulting the cab drivers and owners, at hearings.

Yours truly
Arthur Santoro
Advisory Committee

Consent Communication #3

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Communication was received from
Anthony Santoro, Advisory
Committee, transmitting a request
for a hearing on cab drivers and
owners.

In City Council February 26, 1996

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