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## Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2014

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| Present: | John Candelori, Jack Li, Nathan Otto, Kate Portalatin, Wensheng Yan |
| Next meeting: | September 18, 2014, 6:15 PM, SC 316 |

1. Announcements

Based on the results of the class presentation of our top 2 ideas, it was decided that the group would focus on creating a Ride Share/Carpool app.

1. Discussion
2. **Focus – Do we make the app local/regional/national?** Should we focus on long distance rides or primarily on local transit?
3. **Legal Issues.** How do we present our app so that it doesn’t fall under the jurisdiction of strict local laws that govern taxi companies? Do we include charges or financial incentives to the customers?
4. **Safety.** How do we protect the safety of our users? What tactics can we use to insure that people with malicious intent are not tempted to use the app?
5. **Privacy.** How do we protect the privacy of their users and keep their information secure so they can use our app with a relative degree of anonymity?
6. Roundtable
7. **Focus on local transit.** The group discussed the idea of creating a ride-sharing app for long distance travel but it was decided that the local metropolitan area would remain the focus, primarily because we felt that it would be more technically interesting to create an app for this purpose.
8. **Legal issues.** It is understood by the group that any financial gain from giving rides that falls within the range of the price of gas for said ride is not considered taxi or offering a service for profit. Therefore our app will focus on the communal aspect of rideshare and the positive social and environmental gains rather than any financial gains for the typical driving user.
9. **Safety.** We discussed gathering information on the drivers that includes car license and state license id number to ensure that all rides are documented and all the riders whereabouts are tracked in this way. Information will also be collected on the riders. We will also establish a rating system like eBay has so that both riders and drivers are given positive and/or negative reviews so that users can make a more informed choice before giving and/or taking a ride.
10. User information will be kept private from other users accept for their physical location if they are riding, and their username.
11. Action Items

Team leader Jack asked that all members think about what they want the app to look like. Wensheng agreed to create a google docs and a repository so that the group can share information.