

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

June 20, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Amended

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Chairman
Elaine Lucas, Commissioner
Violet Poe, Citizen Member
Captain Brad Wolfe, MBSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Chris Tsavatewa, Co-Chairman
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Kimberly Lowe, Middle GA Regional Comm.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gregory Brown, MBC P&Z
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
Barbara Neeley, Citizen – Lake Arrowhead
Camille Watson, Health Department
Beverlyn Ming, Health Department

OTHERS PRESENT Cont'd:

Carrie Barber, Citizen – Walnut Creek Village
Lieutenant Scott Davis – BCSO
Nelly Mason, Citizen – Upper River Road
Denise Kelley, Asst. Clerk of the Commission
David Pilgrem, AARP
Emory Flagg, Citizen – Lakeside Hills
Neighborhood Association
Kaye Cleveland, Admin. Asst. to Clerk of the Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
David Gowan, BOE Risk Management
Tom Ellington, Professor, Wesleyan College

Approval of May 16, 2017 Minutes

On motion by Mr. Rob Ryals, seconded by Mr. Chris Tsavatewa and passed unanimously, the minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

No report

Engineering

Mr. Nigel Floyd gave an update on Eisenhower Pkwy/Fulton Mill Rd. Mr. Floyd informed the group the Engineering Department contacted the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding severe accidents in that area. As a result, GDOT made a contract with an independent contractor to install traffic calming features in said area. Bike lane striping was finished on one side of Montpelier Avenue. The department collaborated and scheduled a date with MBC Facilities Management for completion of bike lane striping on Montpelier Avenue going toward Columbus Road.

Mr. Floyd notified the group the application for bike lanes on Walnut Street was not completed. Negotiations with a private donor were in process for funding of said bike lanes. An update was given on the Road Safety Audit performed by GDOT on Eisenhower Pkwy. GDOT will perform work on C Street first by installing crosswalks with rapid flashing beacons and other traffic

calming features. A permit application was signed by the Mayor to install said features on C Street and construction will begin promptly.

An update on Pio Nono/Houston Ave/Hwy 247 was also presented to the group. Mr. Floyd advised the group the Commission was not in favor of installing a roundabout at said intersection. The Commission expressed concerns regarding roundabout installation with respect to high traffic and speeds at said intersection and installing crosswalks. They preferred stop signs and lights, but GDOT will make the final decision. A briefing was given regarding installation of flashing beacons at Bentley & Son's Funeral Home on Montpelier Avenue. A setting for flashing beacons had been created for the crosswalk. The next step for the project was installing said beacons which would be done by the Facilities Management and Public Works departments. Funding is needed for speed bump installation at Pendleton Homes.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

The vinyl, movable billboard for the month of June was located on Northside Drive, across from Navicent Health Rehabilitation Hospital. Monthly public service announcements were still on the air and rotating on three of the iHeartMedia radio stations, and the window wraps were still displaying the campaign message on two of the MTA Para-Transit buses. Follow-up: An additional five days will be extended at the end of the Lamar Outdoor Advertising contract for the loss of display days for the billboard during the month of April. Additional funding, in the amount of \$4,050.00 was needed to continue the movable billboard, public service announcements and bus window wraps for the months of July-September. On motion by Ms. Bessie Brown and seconded by Mr. Floyd, the Board approved funding from the Macon-Bibb Health Department for public service announcements and bus window wraps for the months of July-September.

Chairman Michael Ryan and Ms. Poe were guests on Ask Elaine on Wednesday, May 17th. During the radio show, Chairman Ryan and Ms. Poe provided information regarding the works of the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board and the "CROSS THE WALK" Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign. Ms. Mary Grace Shaw of 13WMAZ contacted Ms. Poe on Wednesday, May 17th regarding an interview to discuss the Pedestrian Injury Survivor and Pedestrian Fatality Grief Support Group. Ms. Poe asked Ms. Shaw to delay the interview until the first week of August; Ms. Poe have more details regarding the works of the support group, and most importantly, board approval. The interview will include the family of a pedestrian fatality and a pedestrian injury survivor within the past 3-5 years.

PEDORA and PEDDY the Pedestrians visited Cirrus Academy Charter School and M.A. Evans Academy on Thursday, May 18th to promote pedestrian safety and encourage the students to continue utilizing the GOHS pedestrian safety tips during their summer vacation. Media coverage for the visit to Cirrus Academy was provided by WMGT-41 News.

Ms. Poe thanked Ms. Stephanie Hyman, Health Department, for providing the "Walk & Bike With Me in Macon-Bibb County," coloring books, which were distributed to 36 kindergarteners and their teachers. Notification was received on Tuesday, May 23rd from Jessica Driver of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to make modifications to the Pedestrian "On The Move" FFY18 application. The modifications were submitted to the GOHS on Thursday, June

1st. A second notification was received on Wednesday, June 7th to make additional modifications to the application, and the modifications were submitted to the GOHS on Friday, June 9th.

On Friday, June 9th, notification was received regarding the application denial of the “Art History in the Crosswalk” submission. This submission was denied because it was based on infrastructure, in which the GOHS is not able to fund. The project is to be referred to GDOT, which offers infrastructure funding for this type of project. On June 6th and 7th, Bibb County School District (BCSD) Resource Officers did mini-presentations to a total of 590 campers and staff at the seven summer camp locations of the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Centers. The presentation topics included personal and pedestrian safety, Georgia crosswalk laws, and the importance of crosswalk use. PEDORA the Pedestrian visited the Rosa Jackson and Frank Johnson Recreation Centers during the presentations on Wednesday, June 7th and passed out the Arrive Alive wrist bands to everyone in attendance during the presentations.

A special thanks to Deputy Chief Stephanie Prater of the BCSD Campus Police Department and Dominique Lewis of the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department for partnering with the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board and the “CROSS THE WALK” Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign for the second summer in a row. On June 12th, Ms. Poe met with Sherita Jones, Budget/Grants Manager and provided a brief overview of the Pedestrian “On the Move” application and modifications. Ms. Jones was asked to serve as the Agency Administrator and to obtain the signatures for the Certification and Signatures Form for the roles of Agency Administrator (Sherita Jones), Agency Staff (Regina Sweeney), and Agency Authorized Official (Robert A.B. Reichert). These roles will become effective July 1st.

On June 14th, Ms. Poe met with Denise Mercer to discuss her job duties as the Public Relations Specialist (Customer Service), and to find out if there would be any way possible for the department to assist callers from the community who are interested in reflector strips being placed on their medical equipment. After discussing the job duties of the Customer Service Department, which include answering a high monthly volume of calls, along with walk-ins, email distributions, and re-routing work orders, and etc., Ms. Mercer suggested trying the idea of installing the separate (campaign) phone line with a voicemail message first, and if the response was unfavorable, then, the Board may want to consider involving the Customer Service Department.

Interagency Communication

Ms. Camille Watson informed the Board of the summit to take place on August 15, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Government Center. The focus will be to highlight pedestrian fatalities in the MBC and to discuss with possible solutions to prevent fatalities. The group was informed the agenda was being finalized.

Ms. Poe gave an update on the Pedestrian Fatality Grief Support Group. The Board was briefed Navicent Health expressed interest in partnership with the Board for the support group. Meetings will be held in the future regarding said group. Commissioner Elaine Lucas advised the Board ministerial leaders expressed interest in the group and asked Ms. Poe to invite them to the meeting.

Other Matters

Commissioner Lucas opened discussion in relation to Election of Officers. Mr. Chris Tsavatewa volunteered to Co-chair a Nominating Committee. Chairman Ryan and Mr. Floyd volunteered to be a part of the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Lucas informed the group Mr. Tom

Ellington communicated interest in being appointed to the Board as Chairperson. The proposed Board budget of \$5,000 was requested as well.

Mr. Brad Belo presented a Project List and Pedestrian Crash Map to the group. The Project List outlined various locations where pedestrian safety issues needed to be addressed. As discussion of said issues progressed, Ms. Bessie Brown proposed measuring outcomes and effectiveness of safety efforts made and projects completed. An update on pedestrian and traffic fatalities for CY 2017 was given as well. This information will be presented to the Public Safety Committee at their next meeting.

Ms. Carrie Barber, MBC Citizen, gave an in-depth analysis of safety concerns in the Walnut Creek Neighborhood. Specific concerns mentioned were speed limit signage. Ms. Nellie Mason briefed the Board regarding safety concerns on Upper River Road. Mr. Emory Flagg expressed pedestrian issues with respect to the Lakeside Hills Neighborhood. Ms. Barbara Neeley addressed the issue of speed bumps at Lake Arrowhead. Ms. Barber advised the group about sidewalks needed in King's Park. In the Fort Hill Area, speeding in the vicinity of the Rosa Jackson Center was a concern. Caution lights and a four-way stop sign were suggested by the community to address speeding on Maynard Street and other streets surrounding Rosa Jackson. Other areas of concern mentioned were Gray Highway, Hunt School and Shurling Drive.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ryan.

The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary