

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2020

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon,
Vice Chair
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Sam Henderson, Director – MBC Small
Business Affairs
Charise Stephens, Georgia Wellness &
Fitness Festival
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Commissioner Joe Allen, MBC Health
Department
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Harris, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Gabrielle Nelloms, News Media
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary
Lester Miller, Citizen
Holly Wharton, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission
Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for
Collaborative Journalism
Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Sam Henderson, seconded by Vice Chair Rachel Umana and passed unanimously, the minutes from the April 21, 2020 Meeting were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Rachel Umana informed board members no Policy and Legislation changes have been made due to COVID-19. She reviewed the information Mr. Bob Dallas discussed at April's Meeting.

Engineering

Mr. Nigel Floyd gave a brief update regarding crosswalks on Ell Street. Board Members were advised Macon-Bibb County Public Works needed to install ADA Ramps before crosswalks could be installed. Everyone was advised said project was set to be completed before the new school year in August.

Board members were informed the Road Safety Audits (RSAs) reviewed at the April Meeting were presented to Dr. Keith Moffett, MBC County Manager for review and for placement on the Macon-Bibb County Commission Agenda. Mr. Floyd stated representatives from GDOT would be present at the Commission Meeting to explain recommendations for improvements on Pio Nono Avenue and Mercer University Drive.

The group was informed grant funding was available for road striping, guard rail repair and other road improvements. Mr. Floyd stated a list of road improvements was being drafted to present to GDOT for said funding would not require a local match from the county. Board Members were informed to submit an email to Mr. Floyd with the names of roads recommended for improvements as soon as possible.

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens informed everyone a schedule of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for Pedestrian Safety Education had been completed. Board Members were given an update regarding Health Department Funding. The group was advised regarding alternative use of funds due to the ban on in-person events. Ms. Stephens stated three memberships for the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals had been purchased. Board members were told to let her know if they wanted to be a member of said association at no charge.

Board Members were informed PSRB T-Shirts would be redesigned by Ambitious Graphics at the cost of \$7 per shirt. Ms. Stephens asked everyone to provide input regarding said design. She also stated the goal for outreach efforts was to resume activities once COVID-19 Restrictions had been lifted and distribute T-Shirts and broadcast PSAs via billboards.

Interagency Coordination

Commissioner Elaine Lucas opened discussion regarding legislation passed by the MBC Board of Health asking for the slow reopening of businesses in Georgia which was supported by the Macon-Bibb County Commission and citizens. Commissioner Lucas elaborated further telling board members to exercise caution and educate citizens due to an increase in COVID-19 cases.

Chairman Brown informed the group regarding a citizen concern. He stated a resident complained about speeding issues on Wimpy Road. The resident stated children play in said area and speeding has been an ongoing issue. Chairman Brown advised the Sheriff Department was contacted regarding said concerns and any improvement may be made was pending.

2020 Census Outreach Efforts: Janice Ross

Ms. Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission, gave an update regarding 2020 Census Outreach Efforts. Board Members were advised the Macon-Bibb County Census Participation Rate was 46%. North Macon and Lake Tobesofkee had participation rates between 52% and 56%. Ms. Ross stated East and Downtown Macon had low participation rates. Board Members were informed regarding outreach efforts made to contact citizens to increase participation.

Ms. Ross stated as restrictions are lifted, outreach efforts would be made to contact citizens and encourage participation. The group was informed the Complete Count Committee struggled to get citizens to participate, and Macon-Bibb was outperformed by surrounding counties. Ms. Ross informed the group information cards were handed out at food distributions and the committee was in the process of contacting local clergy members regarding outreach efforts. Board Members were encouraged to stop by the Clerk's Office to pick up Census Post Cards to distribute.

Georgia Walks Summit

Chairman Brown opened advised board members the new conference dates for the Georgia Walk Summit were October 22-23, 2020.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Dallas was not present to give an update. Chairman Brown informed board members the deadline to give input regarding the action plan had passed and the Vision Zero Consultants were in the process of drafting a work plan. Board Members were advised a draft of said plan would be presented to the County Attorneys & Commissioners Lucas and Allen for a final review before presentation before the full commission.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2020: June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary