

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

May 15, 2018

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Sam Henderson, Mayor's
Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Pilgrem, AARP
Beverly Ming RN, MBC Health Department
Crystal Ives-Powell, GDOT – District 3
Chance Baxley, GDOT – District 3
Marvin Land, Director – Public Works
Tyler Peek, GDOT – District 3
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Gowan, Board of Education
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Chris Tsavatewa, MBC Health
Department
Violet Poe, Citizen

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

On motion by Mr. Robert Ryals, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas and passed unanimously, the April 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

Chairman Ellington informed the group Mr. Ron Wildman, Macon-Bibb County Citizen, will be a member of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Presentation by Marvin Land, Director – Public Works

Mr. Marvin Land, Director – Public Works, gave a presentation on sidewalk maintenance. The Board was briefed regarding the requirements for safe sidewalks and the measures that are being taken to make them safe again. The group was briefed regarding different projects located in Macon-Bibb County; before and after pictures of different projects were shown including pictures of projects endorsed by the Pedestrian Safety Review Board were shown also. An overview of funding and progress regarding sidewalk maintenance was presented to the Board. The Board was updated on how many sidewalks have been improved and the measures taken to make sure sidewalks continue to meet safety standards.

Presentation by Jamie Arnold, Eisenhower Business Improvement District

Ms. Jamie Arnold, Executive Director – Eisenhower BID, gave an overview of what the BID does. The goals of the BID are to revitalize the area and increase retention of businesses along with attracting new businesses.

The Board was informed the BID has a landscaping contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for beautification of the BID. Other accomplishments of the BID were discussed and pictures of before and after for projects were presented to the Board.

Presentation by Tyler Peek – Georgia Department of Transportation, District 3

Mr. Tyler Peek, Georgia Department of Transportation, reported to the Board regarding pedestrian safety issues in Macon-Bibb County. Information regarding District 3, which includes Bibb County was presented to the group. The Board was advised regarding projects underway in Macon-Bibb County.

The Board was advised regarding safety issues on Gray Highway. Construction on Gray Highway is underway to calm traffic and eradicate pedestrian safety issues. Chairman Ellington informed Mr. Peek regarding concerns about traffic and pedestrians on said highway.

The Board was briefed regarding the GDOT's criteria for issuing speed limits on states routes and roads. Mr. Peek stated the process of changing speeds for roads begins with the county requesting a speed limit change. A representative will drive the road and determine if the speed change is required. For state routes a study has to be performed to determine appropriate speeds.

Mr. Peek briefed the Board regarding Eisenhower Parkway and C Street. The group was advised traffic calming measures would be made to ensure safety at this intersection. He stated a defined area for pedestrian crossing will be constructed at said intersection as well.

The upcoming board meetings are scheduled for: June 19th, and July 17th.

Chairman Ellington adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary