

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning David Gowan, Bibb County School District Ron Wildman, Citizen Commissioner Elaine Lucas Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon Myrtle Habersham, AARP Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO <u>Board Members Absent:</u> Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs Henry Ficklin, MBC Community Affairs Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO Molly Wilkins, Citizen	<u>Others Present:</u> Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management Michael Ryan, Citizen Taylor Stickels, Middle GA Regional Commission Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ <u>Non-Members Absent:</u> Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department Macee Palmer, Bike Walk Macon
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Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, seconded of Myrtle Habersham, AARP and passed unanimously, the March 15, 2022, minutes.

Policy and Legislation

Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon, opened with the complete streets and Vision Zero policies will be added to the Pedestrian Safety Review Board website. She also stated that a webinar for complete streets can be held as well.

Engineering

Nigel Floyd, Traffic Engineer, met citizens in Ingleside Village community about traffic calming devices for Ridge Avenue. He said the community wanted to know about a complete streets committee being created and when that could happen. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, added that May 17, 2022 she will be out of town but will be covered by another attorney, but can have an email that covers the policy pertaining to the complete streets committee.

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Nigel Floyd reported on a conversation he had at the post office about an employee who was hit in a crosswalk on College Street. He said Harold spoke with the post office and wanted to see about adding a flashing light or traffic signal. He stated everything has been done but funding is needed to have the flashing lights placed there. Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, spoke of a meeting with the Mayor and other departments about traffic calming devices in trouble areas to help slow traffic down.

Commissioner Lucas stated concerns about how long it is taking to get Jeffersonville Road completed and investigate this project. She stated the importance in keeping track of road projects in Macon Bibb County. Nigel Floyd reported that the contract on Jeffersonville Road has been given thirty-eight days to complete the project.

Myrtle Habersham, AARP, asked for the action items to be made into a list tracking items and responsibilities.

Commissioner Lucas asked for Jeffrey Ruggieri, Executive Director, Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning, to attend the next meeting and share important information with the PSRB.

Enforcement

Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO, reported the case for Mrs. Irene Stubbs on Old Clinton Road is tied up in court and the driver was apprehended. He also reported the case on Anthony Road is being handled through the judicial system. Commissioner Lucas stated Irene's Law was passed, and bids were being placed for the sidewalks in that area.

Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, reported on the speed camera that are in place in the Rutland School Area.

Public Communication

Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, reported information from Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs. He stated the website is being updated. There will be a safety seminar at the Anderson Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. about traffic deaths in Georgia. He reminded everyone of the Pedestrian Summit that was postponed till the fall during the month of October which is Pedestrian Safety Month.

Commissioner Lucas reported on the King Event and she will be continuing to hand out armbands at those events. Greg Brown added armbands were also handed out at Depaul, Brookdale clients, Bike Walk Macon, and neighborhood involving Judy Gordon. He asked the board to come up with ideas to replace the kiosk that hold the armbands, some have gone missing.

Greg Brown discussed the need to have two walking audits before the end of April. Michael Ryan, Citizen, recommended Main Street as one of those areas. Myrtle Habersham states a list of the main areas that are a problem would help in where the walking audits are needed the most. Nigel Floyd asked if the board could split into teams. Commissioner Lucas suggested hourly pay to get people to do the walking audits.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas and seconded of Myrtle Habersham and unanimously passed to consult with procurement to engage temps for two walking audits stipends to be determined.

Greg Brown mentioned to everyone to grab rack cards. He made mention of the Distracted Driving Proclamation presented this April at the Macon Bibb Commission meeting. He mentioned the walking and biking school buses that will start at the upcoming school year.

Greg Brown asked what the boards thoughts were on a community survey to get feedback on PSRB. Myrtle Habersham expressed concern on how the survey will be presented, the outcome and to somehow incorporate it with another departments survey.

Interagency Coordination

David Gowan, Bibb County School District, reported on GDOT's newly appointed outreach coordinator Nick Anderson. He will be reaching out to Nick Anderson on an Infrastructure Grant that is attached to a school but can benefit PSRB with hotspot areas near those schools. He will update the board once the information is given. He also stated that the Health Board meets in May for their new budget in July. This could designate ten thousand dollars plus and additional five thousand dollars to fund walking audits to help them occur monthly.

Greg Brown suggested the "Drive Me Crazy" segment on 13 WMAZ and reaching out to them about the areas they report on as part of the locations for walking audits.

Myrtle Habersham spoke of a virtual seminar that AARP is in partnership with Southwest Regional Commission and will have several speakers. She said it will inform others of what is happening in Macon, Georgia, and why we embrace the Vision Zero and its importance.

Old Business

Greg Brown mentioned the reappointment or replacement of members on the board. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated the Mayor will need to reappoint the position of the members to the board.

Budget

Nigel Floyd reported on the budget hearing and further discussions are needed for a line-item budget. He will follow up with Julie Moore on what needs to be done.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2022: May 17 June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant

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