

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

April 19, 2016

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Chairman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Violet Poe
Nigel Floyd
Lt. Brad Wolfe
Rob Ryals
Tom Ellington

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Tsavatewa, Vice Chairman
Capt. Eric Walker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nancy White, Bibb Health Department
Megan Chapman, Bibb Health Department
Myrtle Habersham, AAPR Interim President
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Gregory L. Brown, MBC P&Z Sr. Planner
David Pilgrem, AARP Age Friendly Advisory

GUESS PRESENT:

Bob Dallas, Civil Attorney
Sarah Hunt

Chairman Michael Ryan called the meeting to order.

On motion by Mr. Rob Ryals, seconded by Mr. Tom Ellington and passed unanimously, the minutes of March 15, 2016 were approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

Engineering:

Mr. Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineering Department, stated that measuring devices were installed along Montpelier Avenue to record speed. A report will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting. Commissioner Elaine Lucas reported a resolution passed was by the Public Safety Committee to provide an investigation be conducted to determine additional remedial measures be implemented for public safety on Montpelier Avenue area.

Public Communications:

Mr. David Gowan, Bibb County Board of Education, Risk Management, reported on finalizing the MOU for School Zone Signage. A meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2016 and will be funded by ELOST. He reported on finalizing a list of walk zones created by students, which were deemed unsafe along Heath Road in the Northside High and Weaver Middle School districts. Mr. Gowan stated that a review of all school districts will be included on the list to install sidewalks to ensure safety.

Commissioner Lucas requested that the PFRB have a representative to attend the next Public Safety Committee meeting to provide a brief presentation regarding projects to be funded by SPLOST to improve pedestrian safety. The list includes sidewalks and crossing lights and Chairman Michael Ryan and Mr. Bob Dallas, Civil Attorney will be representing the PFRB.

Ms. Violet Poe met with Chief Russell Bentley and Deputy Chief Stephanie Prater, Bibb County School Districts, concerning the opportunity to participate in the “Cross The Walk” campaign to help promote safety. Chief Bentley agreed to schedule School Resources Officers to do mini-presentations on the topics of pedestrian safety, Georgia crosswalk laws, and crosswalk usage to students’ ages 6-15 attending summer camps starting June 6 – July 22, 2016. These mini-presentations will be provided to 100-125 students at eight different MBC Recreation Centers between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Ms. Poe will prepare letters asking permission for various churches throughout Macon-Bibb County to include pedestrian safety tips on their church programs each Sunday.

Age Friendly Group Report:

David Pilgrem, AARP Age Friendly Advisory, reported that the Pan African Festival will be the weekend of April 23, 2016 with AARP volunteers being present during this event.

Other Matters:

Brad Belo, Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, provided details on PEDS, GA Walks Summit scheduled for June 17, 2016 at Middle Georgia State University. The Georgia Department of Transportation and the Urban Development Authority will be in attendance. Chairman Michael Ryan will provide a five minute presentation on behalf of PFRB at this event.

Mr. Bob Dallas along with members of the Committee reviewed the questionnaire distributed in March. The results showed positive input by providing the pros and cons concerning various safety factors. Mr. Dallas recommended getting the communities involvement on the awareness of pedestrian and cyclist behaviors.

Commissioner Lucas announced the Macon-Bibb County Health Department endorsed the Vision Zero Approach. She recommended providing specific projects to be funded by the SPLOST to the Public Safety Committee. The projects include Bike Paths, Hawk Systems along Forsyth Road, Wesleyan Drive and Napier Avenue.

On motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously, the PFRB endorse a resolution to join the Bibb County Health Department accepting the Vision Zero Approach.

Ms. Sarah Hunt recommended identifying what the Board required to move forward with improvements in specific areas in the community. The information will be to presented to the Commissioners.

Chairman Ryan asked if there was any further business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charletta Y. Price
Recording Secretary