

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Violet Poe, Citizen Member
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Michael Ryan, Citizen Member
Lt. Scott Davis, BCSO

PRESENT OTHERS:

Sheriff David Davis, BCSO
Michael McNeill, Asst. County Attorney
Judy Gordon, BCSO Coordinator
Gregory Brown, MBC P&Z
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
Camille Watson, Education Mgr. Health Dept.
Kimberly Lowe, Middle Ga Regional Commission
Stephanie Hyman, MBC Health Dept.
David Pilgrim, AARP Council
Rachel Hollar, Bike/Walk Macon
Jackie Curry, Admin Asst. to Clerk of Commission

GUESTS:

Carolyn Glover - (Pine Valley Drive)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Chairman Ellington called the meeting to order.

On motion by Mr. Nigel Floyd, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the November 21, 2017 minutes were approved.

Attorney's Opinion on Maintenance of Sidewalks on State Route

Mr. Michael McNeil presented a report on the Public Works contract. He stated the City of Macon entered into the contract with Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") back in 1989. GDOT was to pay the City of Macon \$2,500 per mile/year for all of the state route right-of-ways. Mr. McNeil reported that this is a legislative matter and it should be addressed. Chairman Ellington reported that he will speak to Mayor Reichert to find a way to proceed with this matter of urgency.

Mr. Floyd reported on MLK Boulevard. He reported that the sidewalks have been cleaned, scraped and cleared for walking.

On motion by Ms. Bessie Brown, seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously, the Board approved notifying the Mayor on the issue.

Policy and Legislation - No Report

Engineering

Mr. Floyd reported on the Montpelier projects and the Pendleton Homes' speed bumps. Speed bumps and material for bike lanes have been ordered through the SPLOST Funds.

Mr. Floyd informed the Board that a work order for speed limit change and speed reduction on Upper River Road will be completed today. The sign will be posted within the next week.

Mr. Floyd also reported that Bibb County Board of Education has provided funds to purchase beacons. He added that they are also looking at other vendors to provide funds.

Enforcement - Sheriff David Davis & Lt. Scott Davis

Sheriff David Davis reported informed the Board that Capt. Brad Wolfe will be the designated officer for the PSRB meetings. Lt. Scott Davis reported that enforcement is based on involvement with fatalities and accidents.

Chairman Ellington reported that the members of the Georgia delegation will not be able to attend the PSRB meetings.

Public Communication - Violet Poe

Ms. Violet Poe gave a special thanks to Sheriff Davis, Mayor Reichert, Macon-Bibb County Commissioners, Macon-Bibb County PSRB, Macon-Bibb County Board of Health, Office of the Clerk of Commission, Office of Public Affairs, Office of Budget and Strategic Planning, the Local Delegation, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and all of the community partners for their attendance, participation, and support during the media blitz on Friday, December 15th for the Pedestrian "On the Move" grant project award (\$20,785.00) announcement from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Ms. Poe reported that the development of a K-3 pedestrian safety curriculum has been in the works as a part of the activities for the "CROSS THE WALK" Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign.

The movable billboard is located on Eisenhower Parkway, near Laveta Drive for the month of December.

Monthly Public Service Announcements are still on the air and rotating on three of the IHeart Media radio stations and the window wraps are still displaying the pedestrian safety education campaign message on two of the MTA Paratransit buses.

A meeting was held with Captain Wolfe on Wednesday, November 29th to discuss the Pedestrian "On the Move" grant activities and a partnership with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit to assist with fulfilling some of the requirements of the grant which involves enforcement.

A meeting was held with Gina Ward, Director of the Douglass Theatre on Tuesday, December 12th to lock-in the dates for the informational, educational, and training sessions listed in the Pedestrian "On the Move" grant project. The Douglas Theatre will serve as the Venue for these sessions and a contract will be signed and submitted by Ms. Ward to the Office of Budget and Strategic Planning.

A message was recorded on the Macon-Bibb County PSRB telephone line (478-803-2820) on Wednesday, December 13th by Denise Kelley of the Office of the Clerk of Commission. Callers

may call 24/7 and share their concerns regarding pedestrian safety in Macon-Bibb County. All callers will receive feedback regarding their concern in a timely manner.

On December 19th, Chief Deputy Stephanie Prater of the Bibb County School District, shared pedestrian safety concerns for the students, crossing guards, and drivers on the streets of Pine Valley, West Oak, and Mamie Carter, which are located near Union Elementary School. Chief Prater provided a drawing of the area of concern, and asked that these concerns be shared with the Macon-Bibb County PSRB.

Interagency Coordination - Ms. Bessie Brown

Ms. Judy Gordon reported that neighborhood watch groups meet regularly. She is currently working on the schedule for January and will have calendars distributed to the PSRB members. Ms. Gordon will provide locations, dates and times, as well as the contact person for the meetings.

Pine Hill Drive

Chairman Ellington reported that he visited the site on Pine Hill Drive. Mr. Rob Ryals added that there are options that can be decided upon in order to update the Pine Hill Drive location. Mr. Floyd will speak with Commissioner Lucas and share his ideas.

Hollingsworth Road and Robinson Road

Mr. Floyd reported that the project for Hollingsworth Road and Robinson Road were approved. Sidewalks will be added from Log Cabin Drive to Robinson Road. Mr. Floyd will provide additional information on cost and the final plans. He will keep the PSRB updated on this project.

4739 Pine Valley Drive - Ms. Bessie Brown & Ms. Carolyn Glover

Ms. Brown reported that Pine Valley Drive is experiencing problems with lighting and no sidewalks. Ms. Carolyn Glover receives many complaints about the dilapidated sidewalks, lighting and cars that are parked along the streets. Ms. Glover is requesting speed bumps be added to the neighborhood.

Mr. Michael Ryan reported that he visited the Pine Valley Drive area near Union Elementary School. He observed there were no sidewalks in the area. He requested the adding of speed bumps in the school zone.

Mr. Brad Belo reported that all neighborhoods wouldn't need to have sidewalks, there are so many other types of improvements that can be utilized.

Other Matters

The PSRB meetings for January – May 2018 will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Government Center.

Below are dates for the meetings: Jan 16th, Feb 20th, March 20th, April 17th and May 15th.

Ms. Brown reported that Lokchapee Drive has potholes due to construction.

Mr. Ellington will make sure that this is an item on the January PSRB agenda.

Mr. Belo discussed the excess speed on Columbus Road. Suggestions were to inform the media and place speed traffic awareness signs.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ellington.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Curry
Recording Secretary