

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Violet Poe, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

PRESENT OTHERS:

Gregory Brown, MBC, Planning & Zoning
Beverly Ming RN, MBC Health Department
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Gowan, Board of Education
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

On motion by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, seconded by Mr. Michael Ryan and passed unanimously, the February 20, 2018 minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

No report

Engineering, Nigel Floyd

Mr. Brad Belo reported to the group that a list of sidewalks and state routes that needed improvements. This list was presented to the Commission.

Enforcement

Mr. Belo reported on a pedestrian fatality that occurred on the corner of Emery Highway and North Avenue.

Public Communication - Violet Poe

The movable billboard is located on Northside Drive, near Riverside Drive for the month of March. 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.

The first PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” community outreach grant activity was held on Wednesday, February 21st, from 3:00PM-5:00PM in the parking lot of Fastee Foods (Chevron), 1389 Pio Nono Avenue (SR 247). Ten volunteers were on-hand to assist with this activity, and a total of 62 individuals were given a pedestrian safety education card and phantom flash armband during this activity. The information on the education card and how to properly use the phantom flash armband was explained to each individual during the distribution. Tusher Ujadia, owner of Fastee Foods (Chevron) asked for a repeat of this community outreach grant activity at 1389 Pio Nono Avenue during the hours of 5:00PM-7:00PM.

A copy of the letter from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (dated February 9th) which was listed on the February 20st PSRB Meeting Agenda was received via email on February 21st. The letter informed the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners (Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board) of the approval to submit a “renewal” application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 for the PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” project. On motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and passed unanimously, a Pedestrian on the Move Grant from the Governor’s Office was approved.

Emails expressing their thanks to the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board were received on March 1st and March 14th from Deputy Chief Stephanie Prater of the Bibb County School District and Dr. Gail Fowler, Principal of Cirrus Academy for the school zone pedestrian safety updates on Pine Valley Drive/Mamie Carter Drive near Union School, and Pio Nono Avenue (SR 247) in front of Cirrus Academy.

On Monday, March 13th, a meeting was held with Dave Dickey, a resident of the Dempsey Apartments regarding his pedestrian safety concerns in Macon-Bibb County. Mr. Dickey was invited and plans to attend the April 17th meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Review Board to share his concerns and ideas with the board members.

Interagency Coordination

No report

Other Matters

Bob Dallas Contract

Commissioner Lucas reported that there was a discussion of continuing support regarding the Bob Dallas Contract. The Board was also informed that said contract would be signed.

Improvements at Montpelier and Pendleton Homes

Chairman Ellington reported that he observed Montpelier and Pendleton Homes. The group was advised that within a week pedestrian safety features will be installed on Montpelier Avenue.

Chairman Ellington briefed the Board regarding work at Pendleton Homes. Two speed humps have been installed.

Ms. Rachel Hollar gave an update regarding the Georgia Walk Summit. The Board was advised that information regarding pedestrian safety was presented at the Summit. Information regarding engaging pedestrians, designing streets to make them safer for pedestrians, and low cost and effective ways of making streets safer for pedestrians was passed out as well.

Update on Pine Hill Drive

Commissioner Lucas gave an update on Pine Hill Drive. The Board was informed that the Commission approved the engineering work to begin the Pine Hill Project. Commissioner Lucas informed the Board that citizens are happy to see work started.

Pedestrian Crossing at Arlington and Forsyth

The Board was advised that Mr. Nigel Floyd spoke with Tyler Peak from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Department informed Mr. Floyd they approved making changes to the area but they wanted Mr. Floyd to design said changes. Mr. Floyd stated that he is working on the design.

Briefing on Open Streets Macon Event

Ms. Hollar, Assistant Director Bike Walk Macon, gave a briefing regarding Open Streets Macon. The Board was presented with a video about said event. The next Open Streets Macon event will be held April 22, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Report to Commissioners

Ms. Bessie Brown briefed the group regarding the report to the Commissioners. The Commission was updated on the accomplishments of the Board. The Commission was advised that something needed to be done regarding deadlines for the Board and improvements needed to be made.

Jaime Arnold – Eisenhower Business Improvement District

Ms. Jaime Arnold briefed the Board regarding improvements along Eisenhower Pkwy. The Board was notified of support to the district from the Commission.

The dates for upcoming board meetings are scheduled for: April 17th and May 15th.

Chairman Ellington adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary

