

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning & Zoning
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Henry Ficklin, MBC Dept. of Community Affairs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Molly Wilkins, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department
Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ

NON-MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Macee Palmer, Bike Walk Macon
Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Taylor Stickels, Middle Ga regional Commission

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Rachel Hollar Umana, seconded of Mr. David Gowan, Bibb County School District and passed unanimously, the March 15, 2022, minutes.

Policy and Legislation

Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon, spoke on the AARP – Nelson Nygaard who is updating different code sections of pedestrian safety. Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning briefly stated that the study from Nelson Nygaard is not finished but waiting for final report. Ms. Umana stated that Myrtle Habersham connected PSRB with Georgia Regional Commission and Columbus Georgia for a joint webinar on Complete Streets on April 26, 2022, and May 18, 2022. Rachel Hollar Umana, added the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will close its open public comment section on March 17, 2022.

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Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Engineering, reported on his visits to Homeowners Association meetings. He also updated the board of the project on State Route 247 and the changes being made.

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, asked for volunteers to handout armbands and safety information at the Cherry Blossom on 3rd Street Park, March 23, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

She reported that April is Distracted Drivers Awareness Month. On motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Commissioner Lucas and passed unanimously a press conference, and social media campaign was approved.

Ms. Stephens reminded the board of the Pedestrian Summit at the Professional Learning Center on Riverside Drive on May 23, 2022, the food will be prepared by Compass Rose.

Ms. Stephens expressed concern in recruiting people to do the Walk in Audit. David Gowan, Bibb County School District, suggested the family engagement coordinator may be able to recruit families to be involved in the Walk in Audit. Commissioner Lucas suggested an hourly pay to incentivize others.

Ms. Stephens reminded members of the National Pedestrian Safety month in October and will have more updates later.

Ms. Stephens suggested a sign or marker at the hotspots where pedestrians have died as a reminder to others to be aware and the dangers in those areas. David Gowan suggested a ribbon in a bright green color and a traveling panel of the names of those who died permission from families would need to be obtained. Henry Ficklin, MBC Community Affairs, emphasized the importance of the ribbons and its significance at the hotspots. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney, stated that the ribbon could be tied into the proclamation. On motion of David Gowan and seconded of Henry Ficklin and passed unanimously the committee will investigate methods to mark hotspots and report back.

Interagency Coordination

David Gowan reminded the members of the Pedestrian Summit May 23, 2022, and the possibility to have one in the fall. He updated the board on the walking school buses and has contacted GDOT and will have an update at the next meeting.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, shared an email from Bob Dallas. A tentative date of April 20, 2022 has been set for the Traffic Safety Summit hosted by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Triple AAA.

New Business

Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commissions, stated there are a few members that need to be reappointed and two members that need to be replaced.

Myrtle Habersham, AARP, asked if Bob Dallas could be a part of the meeting by conference call.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant