

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

March 15, 2016

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Chairman
Chris Tsavatewa, Vice Chairman
Violet Poe
Nigel Floyd
Lt. Brad Wolfe
Rob Ryals
Tom Ellington

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Capt. Eric Walker
Sam Henderson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

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:

Julie Moore, MBC Budget & Strategic Planning
Liz Fabian, Macon Telegraph Journalist
Bob Dallas, Civil Attorney

Chairman Michael Ryan called the meeting to order.

On motion by Vice-Chairman Chris Tsavatewa, seconded by Mr. Nigel Floyd and passed unanimously, the minutes of February 16, 2016 were approved.

On Motion by Mr. Tsavatewa, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the agenda to allow Mr. Bob Dallas to speak was amended.

Presentation By Mr. Bod Dallas, Civil Attorney:

Mr. Dallas attended the Washington D.C. Summit held on March 11, 2016 discussing "What To Do As A Nation To Address The Issues Of Crash Tests". The Summit emphasized making necessary changes to take the nation to zero deaths. Two key components were suggested for making improvements on evaluating streets activities and equalizing distribution of resources. Brochures referencing the 2015 Vision Zero report card for New York, Transportation Alternatives, and the National Sun were reviewed by the Board. Programs to prevent deaths, educational behaviors, and different opportunities to advance the nation were discussed at the summit. Mr. Dallas provided an interview questionnaire requesting individual feedback concerning pedestrians within Macon-Bibb County. Mr. Tsavatewa proposed a conference call with Mr. Dallas for steps to achieve the Vision Zero concept for Macon-Bibb County.

Presentation by Brad Belo, Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission:

Mr. Belo reported the Innovative Roadway Safety Grant expired recently but additional grants will become available soon. Once the Board has identified the need for funds, he will provide support in planning and preparing grants. Mr. Belo presented a map providing data analysis on local and state roads along with the link for review. Mrs. Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager, Budget & Strategic Planning, recommended having a strategy in place before applying for grant funds.

Mrs. Nancy White, Bibb Health Department, requested working with various organizations to request feedback on reducing the number of pedestrian fatalities in Bibb County. The feedback collected may lead to a local summit that Mr. Tsavatewa may assist in coordinating.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Communications:

Ms. Violet Poe met with the County Attorney, Mr. Judd Drake, to discuss the age of the mascots and a waiver of liability. They agreed to increase the volunteer age to 21 and above, The County Attorney's office will draft the waiver for signatures. Ms. Poe reported she visited 18 convenience stores located in high traffic areas. Her purpose was to inform the managers about placing cling window graphics in storefront windows, counter-tops, and on backs of displays to bring awareness of crosswalks and encouraging pedestrian safety.

Ms. Poe met with Ms. Liz Fabian of the Macon Telegraph and provided an overview of the campaign with the possibility of advertisement through the Telegraph. Ms. Poe requested providing a monthly column, written by Board Members, which will focus on pedestrians, drivers, road safety and updates on the PFRB. Ms. Fabian proposed writing letters to the editor to bring awareness of what the board is accomplishing and on pedestrian safety tips.

Ms. Poe spoke with a member of The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce Leadership Macon Class of 2016 regarding a pedestrian safety project to be included as one of their yearly projects. She also reported Chi-Chester's Home Care Management is interested in partnering with the PFRB to purchase reflectors strips for power wheelchairs and for senior citizens residing in Macon-Bibb County.

Ms. Poe spoke with MBC Recreational Department Director, Mr. Reggie Moore regarding the School Resource Officers or Deputies attending the summer camps at each Recreational center to do demonstrations on how to use crosswalks, traffic laws and control devices providing pedestrian safety. Ms. Poe also met with a executive manager of a local automotive dealership regarding the campaign with a possible partner and sponsorship.

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