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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Violet Poe, Citizen
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Lt. Scott Davis, BCSO
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

PRESENT OTHERS:

Gregory Brown, MBC, Planning & Zoning
Beverly Ming RN, MBC Health Department
Danny Porter, Citizen, St. Paul Apartments
Kimberly Lowe, Middle GA Regional Commission
Nancy Taylor, Citizen, Northwoods Neighborhood
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Gowan, Board of Education
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

On motion by Chairman Ellington, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the January 30, 2018 minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

No report

Engineering, Nigel Floyd

Mr. Nigel Floyd informed the group that speed humps for Pendleton Homes had been received. The group was advised that Public Works will be installing them. Mr. Floyd also reported that a work order for a three-way stop sign for West Oak had been ordered. He stated that funding for road work on Pine Hill Drive will go before the Commission in at the Regular Commission Meeting.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication - Violet Poe

The movable billboard is located on Pio Nono Avenue, near Carroll Street for the month of February. Monthly Public Service Announcements are still on the air and rotating on three of the IHeart Media radio stations. Window wraps continue to display the pedestrian safety education campaign message on two of the MTA Paratransit buses.

A follow-up meeting was held with Captain Brad Wolfe on Tuesday, February 6th, to finalize the enforcement role of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, Traffic Unit during the first community outreach activities outlined in the PEDESTRIAN "On the Move" pedestrian safety grant.

The first PEDESTRIAN "On the Move" community outreach grant activity will be held on Wednesday, February 21st, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Fastee Foods (Chevron), 1389 Pio Nono Avenue. Written permission was provided by Tusher Ujadia, owner of Fastee Foods (Chevron) to hold this activity in the parking lot located at the corner of Pio Nono (SR 247) and Montpelier Avenues.

A meeting was held with Chris Floore, Public Affairs, on Friday, February 16th to discuss the activities for the first community outreach grant activity on February 21st. Mr. Floore will be responsible for writing and sending the press release to the local media, and communicating with Lt. Sean DeFoe of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

On Saturday, February 17th, Zah'Kia Smith, a GEICO employee shared her pedestrian safety concerns regarding Chambers and Harrison Roads, near the entrance to Walmart. Ms. Smith said that there is a need for lighting in this area because it is very difficult to see the large number of pedestrians walking on these roadways during the night.

Interagency Coordination

Ms. Myrtle Habersham gave an update regarding work completed by AARP in Macon-Bibb County. The Board was advised that there were two national and one statewide groups in the Macon-Bibb County area. Mr. David Pilgrem informed the group that national staff visited the Macon-Bibb County area to highlight what Macon has done to be age friendly.

Other Matters

Ms. Beverlyn Ming reported that she would discuss the Bob Dallas Contract with the Board of Health. There were issues with the Scope of Work in the contract. Chairman Ellington advised the Board that no action was needed since the contract would be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Floyd informed the group that bike symbols for improvements at Montpelier have been ordered but they have not been received yet. Mr. Floyd advised the group that when the bike symbols are received, they will be installed and the striping work will begin.

Commissioner Lucas, Ms. Poe, and Michael Ryan attended a meeting on Thursday, February 8th at Navicent Health with Hu Whitten, Care Coordinator of Palliative Care to continue the

partnership and discussions regarding the Pedestrian Injury Survivors and Fatalities Support Group. The meeting was very productive and they will include partnering with additional entities in order to provide the full support and resources needed for pedestrian injury survivors and the family members of both survivors and fatalities who are interested in participating in the support group. The first support group meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2018.

Ms. Nancy Taylor, Northwoods Neighborhood, spoke to the Board regarding said neighborhood. Ms. Taylor advised the group that there is a lot of traffic in the Northwoods Neighborhood and there are people that do not stop and the Stop Sign on Malvern Hill and Forest Ridge Avenue. A suggestion was made by Ms. Taylor to have the speed limit reduced to 25 MPH. Chairman Ellington thanked her for her time and comments.

Mr. Danny Porter, St. Paul Apartments, advised the Board that a crosswalk was needed at St. Paul Apartments at Arlington Place. Mr. Porter informed the group of incidents that happened involving pedestrians that stay in said community. The Board was also advised that a crosswalk and road stripes were needed at College St. and Forsyth St. Chairman Ellington thanked Mr. Porter for his information and briefed him saying that his concerns would be addressed.

The dates for upcoming board meetings are scheduled for: March 20th, April 17th and May 15th.

On motion by Mr. Ryals, seconded by Captain Wolfe and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary