

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2020
Video Conference**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Rachel Umana, Bike Walk Macon, Vice Chair
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Charise Stephens, Georgia Wellness & Fitness Festival

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Michele Harris, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Holly Wharton, Middle GA Regional Commission
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Henderson, Director, MBC Small Business Affairs
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Commissioner Joe Allen, MBC Health Dept.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Liz Fabian, Mercer Univ. Center for Collaborative Journalism

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

O motion by Vice Chair Rachel Umana, seconded by Mr. Nigel Floyd and passed unanimously, the minutes for the October 20, 2020 and November 17, 2020 Meetings were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Umana advised board members the final draft of the Complete Streets Policy was sent to the MBC County Attorney's Office and she was waiting on a response. Board members were advised said policy may not be passed until the beginning of next year.

Engineering

Mr. Floyd informed board members work was being conducted on Eisenhower Parkway at Bloomfield Road and Key Street. He stated ADA Ramps, new pedestrian crossings and traffic

signals were installed to calm traffic and increase pedestrian safety. Board members were informed those improvements were recommended after a Road Safety Audit (RSA) was performed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. Floyd advised improvements recommended because of the RSA performed on Mercer University Drive may be installed soon.

Enforcement

Captain Brad Wolfe apologized regarding absence of law enforcement officials at PSRB Meetings. He stated the H.E.A.T. Unit began more patrol duties as COVID Restrictions had been lifted. Board members were informed deputies would target panhandling to calm potential pedestrian issues.

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens advised board members regarding a monthly newsletter regarding PSRB Communications and Pedestrian Education. She stated the newsletter would be sent to board members and posted on the PSRB's Facebook Page and website.

Ms. Stephens reviewed the Grant Funding Budget. Board members were advised regarding budgeted items and a deadline for spending funds. Ms. Stephens any changes in spending needed to be approved and said budget would be updated accordingly.

Board members were informed the logo for Mr. Harold Young's "You See Me" Initiative had been completed and boxes with reflectors and pedestrian education materials would be installed on Pio Nono Avenue and Gray Highway. Ms. Stephens advised testimonials regarding the effects of pedestrian accidents would be shared with board members and shared via Facebook.

Board members were informed their T-Shirt sizes were needed before PSRB Shirts could be ordered. Ms. Stephens also advised board members regarding a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and training required before funds would be dispersed. Board members were asked to volunteer to attend said training which was scheduled to take place on January 7, 2021. Captain Brad Wolfe advised board members he would be attending said training to obtain H.E.A.T. Grant Funds and volunteered to attend on behalf of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Interagency Coordination

Ms. Stephens informed board members a "Walking School Bus" would be started in January 2021 as a part of an initiative with the Bibb County School District. Board members were informed said initiative would be started because more students would attend in-person classes.

Vision Zero Update

Mr. Bob Dallas gave an update regarding the Vision Zero Action Plan. Board members were informed said plan was approved by the MBC Commission. Mr. Dallas thanked the PSRB and Commissioners Allen and Lucas for their support. Discussion ensued regarding funding for a Vision Zero Safety Coordinator, to assist with plan implementation.

Mr. Michael Ryan discussed citizen concerns regarding pedestrian cyclist safety issues in Pleasant Hill. Board members were informed Ms. Tedra Huston, MBC Community Enhancement Authority, contacted Mr. Ryan regarding pedestrian/cyclist safety issues in Pleasant Hill.

Discussion: Orientation for New Administration

Chairman Brown stated there was no update regarding orientation for New Administration Members.

Discussion: Bylaws

Mr. Tom Ellington informed board members there was no update regarding the establishment of bylaws. Board members were advised a report may be given next year. Mr. Ryan expressed concerns regarding expired board member terms. Chairman Brown affirmed reappointments were necessary to ensure compliance with the ordinance regarding board membership.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates: January 19, 2021 and February 16, 2021; March 16, 2021 and April 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary