

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019
10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Sam Henderson, Mayor's
Representative
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Michael Ryan, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Kimberly Lowe, Middle GA Regional Commission
Kaye Cleveland, Clerk of Commission
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
David Pilgrem, AARP

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Major Eric Walker, BCSO
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Violet Poe, Citizen
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
David Gowan, Bibb County School
District

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

Chairman Ellington informed the Board Ms. Bessie Brown and Mr. Brad Belo stepped down from their positions on the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. The group was advised Mr. Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, would be replacing Mr. Belo.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Michael Ryan, seconded by Mr. Nigel Floyd and passed unanimously, the January 15 and January 30, 2019 minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Chairman Ellington opened discussion regarding construction projects and how to improve them to accommodate pedestrians. The Board was advised policy makers needed to take action to make construction sites safer for pedestrians.

Engineering

Mr. Floyd informed the group he received an email from Ms. Keisha Jones, Safe Route for Schools, regarding Safety Audits for Appling Middle School, Burdell-Hunt and Martin Luther King Elementary Schools. Mr. Floyd advised the Board Safety Audits had already been performed on these schools and he would get more information regarding the selection of the schools and what improvements may need to be made.

The Board was informed Mr. Floyd received a call from a citizen regarding basketball goals in the road. Mr. Floyd asked Captain Brad Wolfe about the policy regarding basketball goals in the road. Captain Wolfe informed the group unless the goal was in a cul-de-sac, the Sheriff's Department would ask the owner to remove the basketball goal out of the street. Information was given regarding an ordinance involving this issue was discussed.

Enforcement

Captain Wolfe briefed the group regarding a program that would involve enforcement at sights pedestrian education was given as a follow up to make sure policy was adhered to.

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

No Report

Interagency Coordination

Mr. Sam Henderson, Mayor's Office, notified the group more information regarding the Vision Zero Program would be disseminated and it would involve various agencies in Macon-Bibb County. The Board was advised they would be briefed as information was given. The next Vision Zero Meeting will be held in May 2019.

Vision Zero Meeting

Mr. Bob Dallas, Vision Zero, presented an overview of the kickoff meeting held on January 30, 2019. Chairman Ellington commented regarding the agencies represented and the presentation of information during the meeting. Mr. Dallas informed the Board a Vision Zero Work Plan was being drafted.

Pedestrian Safety Summit

Chairman Ellington notified the Board the Pedestrian Safety Summit would take place on March 12th at the Health Department in the auditorium. Chairman Ellington has coordinated with AARP in Macon-Bibb and other agencies to provide a program for the Summit.

Citizen Concern – Sharon Mobeley

Chairman Ellington initiated discussion regarding a conversation with Ms. Sharon Mobeley. She resides in the area formerly known as Payne City and is concerned about high-speed traffic on small narrow streets and potential dangers to pedestrians. Ms. Mobeley reported speed bumps were installed were repaved when construction work was performed. She further stated traffic-calming and enforcement was needed in said area.

Citizen Concern – Sheila Miller

Ms. Sheila Miller reported speeding on English Avenue. The group was informed this continues to be problem after the Kroger in said area was closed. Discussion furthered ensued regarding speeding at a four-way stop sign located in the area. Enforcement on English Avenue was discussed as well.

Upper River Road & Old Clinton Road

A member of the Bibb County School District reported issues on Upper River Road near Northeast High School. Chairman Ellington reported there was no sidewalk a portion of the road. The Board was advised pedestrians often end up walking in the road especially when it rains. Chairman Ellington informed the Board regarding dangers involving students walking to school in said area.

Open-Source Map

Chairman Ellington initiated discussion regarding an Open-Source Map that citizens could use to input areas of concern. The Board was advised said map may be needed to better document citizen concerns and pinpoint areas where speeding occurs, and sidewalks are needed.

Chairman Ellington adjourned the meeting.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2019: April 16, May 21, and June 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary