

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning,
Chair
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon,
Vice Chair
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business
Affairs
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Taylor Stickels, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission
Nancy Cleveland, One World Link
Shunya Glenn, Citizen
Liz Fabian, Mercer University CCJ
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Harold Young, Tubman Museum
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Michele Harris, MBC Asst County Attorney
Sherita Jones, MBC Budget & Strategic
Planning
Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nigel Floyd, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas and passed unanimously, the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Meeting were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Umana opened discussion regarding Complete Streets Policy Legislation. Board members were notified said legislation had been received by the County Attorney's Office and was ready to be presented to the Macon-Bibb County Commission.

Vice Chair Umana briefed board members regarding information discussed at a recent One Macon Committee Meeting. She stated said committee discussed sending a letter to Mayor

Lester Miller to share plans to improve Macon-Bibb County's Transportation System. Board members were informed the members of the One Macon Committee included representatives from the Macon Transit Authority, Bike Walk Macon, and MBC Planning & Zoning and Parks & Beautification.

Engineering

Mr. Floyd advised board members that Professor Elise Keith, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill requested an interview to discuss Macon-Bibb County's Vision Zero Action Plan. Board members were advised Dr. Tom Ellington was asked to speak with her and give an overview.

Mr. Floyd advised Professor Keith requested a copy of the Vision Zero Action Plan for the University's website for review along with Vision Zero Action Plans for other areas. Chairman Brown advised a draft may be sent because the action plan was being revised to make minor changes. On motion by Mr. Michael Ryan, seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB) agreed to send a draft of the Vision Zero Action Plan to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Mr. Floyd discussed plans for a road diet on Eisenhower Pkwy from Key Street to I-75 which included construction of a roundabout at I-75, lane shrinkages, and installation of sidewalks and bike lanes. Mr. Floyd stated project costs were estimated to be \$1,000,000.00. Board members were advised regarding a request from GDOT for Macon-Bibb County to consider allocating funds or services to help complete said project.

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication

Mr. Harold Young gave a brief statement regarding his experiences implementing the "Do You See Me" Initiative. He shared feedback received from citizens. Board members were advised that some citizens think said initiative places culpability on pedestrians involved in crashes.

Ms. Shunya Glenn, Citizen, shared her story about her son who was killed in a recent crash. Ms. Charise Stephens advised board members regarding sharing stories involving pedestrian fatalities and crashed. Mr. Young advised stated more pedestrian education was needed to decrease the number of fatalities.

Ms. Stephens informed board members wristbands would be distributed at the Operation Heart Event on February 25th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MBC Health Department. Board members were advised recording the number of wristbands distributed was needed for grant reporting.

Interagency Coordination

Commissioner Lucas opened discussion regarding installing speed cameras in designated school zones. Discussion ensued with Mr. Floyd speaking briefly regarding a proposal to install cameras in school zones. Board members were informed an ordinance to start a pilot program for the installation of speed cameras in designated school zones was added to the Consent

Agenda for the February 16, 2021 MBC Commission Meeting. Board members were informed, under the pilot program, after 30 days citations would be issued with \$75 for the first violation and \$125 for any subsequent violations plus a \$25 processing fee.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Bob Dallas gave an update regarding the Vision Zero Action Plan. Board members were advised regarding applications for grant funding under the Vision Zero Program. Mr. Dallas stated support was needed from the PSRB and other organizations to endorse grant funding.

Update: New Administration Orientation – Greg Brown

Chairman Brown opened advised a PSRB Orientation with new administration members was scheduled to take place on February 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference. All board members were invited to attend, Subcommittee Chairs were required to attend. Chairman Brown advised an informal meeting would be scheduled on February 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. to discuss information to be presented to the Macon-Bibb County Mayor and Commissioners.

Update: Bylaws – Tom Ellington

Chairman Brown gave an update regarding the establishment of bylaws. Board members were advised regarding the use of funds allocated through speed enforcement measures. Discussion ensued regarding issues with previous contracts for speed enforcement using school bus cameras.

DeWitt-McCrary Home – Michael Ryan

Mr. Michael Ryan opened discussion regarding email correspondence previously sent to board members. Information regarding the DeWitt-McCrary Home located on Hydrolia Street was included in said correspondence. Mr. Ryan stated plans were discussed to tear down said property which was in an area that is often frequented by pedestrians and cyclists. Board members were asked to speak with Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning regarding historic preservation of the DeWitt-McCrary Home. Chairman Brown informed board members regarding expressing concerns to MBC Planning & Zoning.

Grant Reporting – Sherita Jones

Ms. Sherita Jones, MBC Budget & Strategic Planning, gave an update regarding reporting for the Pedestrian on the Move (POTM) Grant. Board member were advised Chairman Brown has taken on the role of completing presenting reports for approval by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Board members were advised the new point of contact at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for POTM Grant Funding was Amanda Jackson.

Discussion ensued regarding grant fund allocations. Ms. Jones stated pedestrian education materials and additional wristbands were ordered using grant funds from previous years. Ms. Jones stated full amount of current grant funding which totaled \$23,400.00 was still available to spend. Chairman Brown advised board members regarding using said funds for reflectors, light-up shoestrings, and pedestrian education material for children.

Board members discussed sending wristbands and reflective items to the Brookdale Warming Center to distribute to residents. Discussion ensued regarding efforts to educate residents regarding pedestrian safety. Ms. Jones stated she would follow up with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety regarding requests made by board members. She advised board members regarding the importance of documenting the number of wristbands and reflective material distributed as well as efforts to educate pedestrians.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2021: March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15; July 20; August 17; September 21; October 19; November 16; and December 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary