

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

February 16, 2016

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Chairman
Chris Tsavatewa, Vice Chairman
Violet Poe
Nigel Floyd
Lt. Brad Wolfe
Sam Henderson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Capt. Eric Walker

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Gowan, Exc. Dir. Risk Mgmt.
Megan Chapman, Health Department
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
24WGXA – Tavares Jones
41NBC News – Alexa Rodriguez

GUEST PRESENT:

David Pilgrem, AARP Age Friendly Advisory Board

Myrtle Habersham, AARP State President

Brad Belo – MBC P&Z Planner

Gregory L. Brown - MBC P&Z Senior Planner

Pat Vickers – Pilot International

Dyann Moore – Pilot International

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 January 19, 2016 were approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

Engineering:

Mr. Nigel Floyd, Macon Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department and Mr. Rob Ryals, Facilities Management, informed the Board on Georgia Power LED lighting replacement is near completion in the Macon City limits.

Enforcement:

Lt. Wolfe reported no fatalities as of February 2016.

Public Communications:

Mr. David Gowan, Bibb County Board of Education, provided the status of the MOU and the RFP for the flashing lights in the public school zones.

Interagency Coordination:

Mr. Tsavatewa informed the Board of the invitation list for the summit and the progress being made. He will continue to update the Board on the state and local summits with events scheduled for May and June 2016.

Presentation by AARP Age Friendly Advisory Board State President, Ms. Myrtle Habersham:

Ms. Habersham reported the Age Friendly Advisory Board distributed over 300 coloring books, provided by the Health Department, recently at a group meeting with great response from the attendees. Ms. Habersham extended an invitation to the Board for AARP's next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2016 starting 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Office located at 175 Emery Highway.

The Vision Zero Presentation By Mr. Bod Dallas, Civil Attorney:

Mr. Bod Dallas, Civil Attorney, was the former Highway Safety Director with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for eight years. He has over twenty years in public health, sixteen years as Planning Commissioner. Mr. Dallas has made innumerable presentations on the subjects of transportation and highway safety across the county. He has held numerous leadership roles in both nongovernmental and governmental organizations.

Mr. Dallas presented The Vision Zero, "No Loss of Life is Acceptable". Currently Georgia and 38 other states have adopted Vision Zero which has proven to be highly successful. The Vision Zero initiative places responsibility for safety on road users and puts responsibility on system design. The presentation referenced to the four "E"; Engineering, Education, Enforcement and EMS of highway safety, demographics and location. Key factors pointed out were public health components, public safety, and safe transportation.

On motion by Mr. Tsavatewa, seconded by Mr. Gowan and passed unanimously, Mr. Dallas was approved as consultant to the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board, funded by Bibb County Public Health Department.

Presentation by Katelyn DiGioia, Georgia Department of Transportation, State Bicycles and Pedestrian Engineer, and Presentation by Ms. Sally Flocks, PEDS:

Ms. Katelyn DiGioia spoke briefly about the road safety audit conducted on Eisenhower Parkway to Bloomfield Drive which lasted about five hours. Ms. DiGioia extended the Board Members an invitation to the GDOT meeting held on the first Thursday of every other month the next meeting is in March 2016.

Ms. Sally Flocks, Founder of PEDS, talked about the progress in various areas within Atlanta, GA.. Ms. Flocks, who has over 20 years' experience in public safety provided specific concerning traffic along busy highways, bus stops, and pedestrians crossing outside of crosswalks which is illegal in Georgia. Ms. Flocks informed the Board of a PEDS meeting scheduled for May or June 2016.

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

Mr. Belo provided the Board a handout on Dangerous by Design 2014 Georgia. Mr. Belo offered his assistance to better address the Board's concerns on traffic results and road information with the help of GDOT. He also revealed a map on pedestrian accidents and fatalities while providing instructions to find information on Google Maps.

Other Matters:

The Board was asked to generate a list to present to the Public Safety Committee on the road safety audit inventory at the February 23, 2016 meeting. Mr. Ryan will present the long and short terms goals of conducting an audit with specific state routes of Gray Highway, Emery Highway, Shurling Drive and local routes of Montpelier Avenue and Napier Avenue.

On motion by Mr. Tsavatewa, seconded by Mr. Sam Henderson and passed unanimously recommendations on state and local routes for GDOT to conduct a RSA to the Public Safety Committee were approved.

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