

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

December 15, 2015

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
Robert Ryals

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington
Megan Chapman, Health Department
Dr. Dave Oedel
David Gowan, Exc. Dir. Risk Mgmt.

GUESS PRESENT:

David Pilgrem, AARP Age Friendly Advisory Board

The meeting was called to order by Michael Ryan, Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Chris Tsavatewa and seconded by Chairman Ryan and passed unanimously the minutes of November 17, 2015 and the Special Called Minutes of November 24, 2015 were approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

Engineering:

Nigel Floyd, Macon Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department, provided a handout on GDOT Road Safety Audits. The audit will take place on January 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at MBC Traffic Engineering Office located at 415 Hemlock Street. The invitation was extended to any Board Member willing to survey various areas and provide input.

Interagency Coordination:

Chris Tsavatewa updated the Board on the Traffic Safety Summit sponsored by the Macon Bibb County Health Department. The date for this event has changed to early spring 2016 due to statewide involvement. Ms. White is coordinating the summit and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Enforcement:

Lt. Brad Wolfe informed the Board that he could obtain information through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The brochures and other materials will be placed in various businesses to help promote pedestrian safety awareness. Coloring books and activity books will be donated by the Public Health Department to distribute to school age children to bring safety awareness in the classroom.

Public Communication:

Mr. David Gowan informed the Board on the progress of the MOU with County Government and the Board of Education for the flashing lights to be placed in all school zones.

The Board concurred that the Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign, "Cross The Walk" move forward to implement the campaign mascots and other materials. Recommendation for funds requires approval and endorsement from the Mayor and Commissioners.

On motion by Commissioners Elaine Lucas, seconded by Mr. Tsavatewa and passed unanimously the resolution recommending funds from Macon Bibb County, Board of Health, and available grants was approved

The Public Health Department and AARP are hosting a class on Driver's Safety to the general public at the Health Department in January 2016.

Mr. Tom Ellington voiced his concerns on the dangers at various intersections. He stated that Wesleyan students cross on foot at the intersection at Tucker and Forsyth Road with no crosswalk signal. He also mentioned his concerns about the College and Georgia Ave intersections.

Presentation by AARP Age Friendly Advisory Board, David Pilgrem:

Mr. Pilgrem informed the Board the Age Friendly Advisory Board with AARP kicked off in 2012 and was successful in 2013. Macon is the first age friendly community in the Middle Georgia area along with Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia. He provided statistics ranking safe streets and the national average for Age Friendly Communities during his presentation. Mr. Pilgrem would like for the local AARP Age Friendly Advisory Board help to promote safety with the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board. They would provide educational materials, assist in organizing events and provide trained volunteers.

Dr. Dave Oedel provided a handout outlining data from Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Department on pedestrian vehicle incidents, pedestrian deaths which occurred within Macon-Bibb County. The handout identified major roads where pedestrian deaths occurred while attempting to cross in dark conditions and not at crosswalks.

Chairman Ryan asked if there was any further business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charletta Y. Price
Recording Secretary