

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 2021

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11:30 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Michael Ryan, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Dept. of Community Affairs
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon, Vice
Chair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary
Mayor Lester Miller
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Taylor Stickels, Middle GA Regional Commission
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Kaylee Pruitt, Bike Walk Macon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ron Wildman, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Roby Ryals, seconded by Mr. Michael Ryan and passed unanimously, the November 16, 2021 Minutes were approved.

Chairman Brown presented a form endorsing a request for Pedestrian Activated Lights on Mercer University Drive upon review from Various Departments.

Dr. Henry Ficklin opened discussion regarding the crossing area at Cirrus Academy. Board members were informed there was little visibility regarding oncoming traffic and students had to cross the school lawn to get to the crossing area. Dr. Ficklin made a request to review the area for safety. On motion by Dr. Ficklin, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board agreed to review the crossing area at Cirrus Academy and how students cross Pio Nono Avenue.

Mr. Ryan opened discussion regarding Pedestrian Activated Lights. He stated he mentioned another area to install Pedestrian Activated Lights. Board members discussed adding Pedestrian Activated Lights on Montpelier Avenue near the Georgia Department of Labor. On motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Charise Stephens and passed unanimously, the

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Pedestrian Safety review Board agreed to review the placement of Pedestrian Activated Lights on Mercer University Drive at Montpelier Avenue and Pio Nono Avenue for additional crossing points.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Bob Dallas gave an update to the Vision Zero Workplan. Board members were informed Mr. Dallas met with Sam Harris regarding the MOU for the Transportation Coordinator Position for the Vision Zero Program. Mr. Dallas stated Mr. Harris was satisfied with the parameters of the agreement and funding for the position. Board members were advised said position would last for 3 years and funding would be approximately \$400,000.00

Mayor Lester Miller stated the Pedestrian Safety Review Board has done a lot of work to make it safer for pedestrians. He stated Commissioner Lucas' advocacy for the board has resulted in budget funding for pedestrian safety. He stated the challenges Macon-Bibb County faced regarding pedestrian safety and measures taken to address those issues.

Walking Audit – Charise Stephens

Ms. Charise Stephens opened discussion regarding Walking Audits. Board members were advised the Waking Audit Form was finished. She stated it would be featured on the Pedestrian Safety Review Board Website. Board members were asked to use the form to record areas of concern when they were traveling in Macon-Bibb County.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:18 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2022: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary