

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 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
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business
Affairs
Molly Wilkins, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Holly Wharton, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission
Taylor Stickels, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission
Liz Fabian, Mercer University CCJ
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Ryan Weaver, WGXA News
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Michele Harris, MBC Asst County Attorney
Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Elaine Lucas
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Ms. Myrtle Habersham, seconded by Vice Chair Rachel Umana and passed unanimously, the minutes from the December 15, 2020 Meeting were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Umana opened discussion regarding Complete Streets Policy Legislation. Board members were notified there were no updates regarding passing said legislation. Vice Chair Umana stated she would contact the Macon-Bibb County Attorney's Office and would notify board members regarding updates.

Engineering

Board members were updated regarding projects performed because of Road Safety Audits performed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. Nigel Floyd stated projects started on Eisenhower Pkwy at Key Street, Heron Street and Bloomfield Road resulted from a Road Safety Audit performed almost three years ago.

Board members were informed proposed projects for Pio Nono Ave/State Route 247 should start after all projects on Eisenhower Pkwy were complete. Mr. Floyd stated sidewalk installation projects would start upon fund acquisition and design completion.

Enforcement

Lieutenant Scott Davis, Bibb County Sheriff Office (BCSO), advised board members regarding an increase in crime in 2020. Board members were advised said increase may be due to factors associated with COVID-19 and economic and social impacts on the community.

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, advised board members the Pedestrian Safety Review Board was live. Ms. Stephens stated a newsletter would be posted as well as a video with Commissioner Elaine Lucas and information regarding pedestrian safety education information.

Ms. Stephens advised board members regarding collaborations with MBC Public Affairs and IT to update the Pedestrian Safety Review Website. She stated the newsletter, board member updates and other information would be added to said website.

Board members were advised arm bands would be distributed at the Brookdale Warming Center located at 3600 Brookdale Avenue. Ms. Stephens stated the "You See Me" Kiosks would be installed on Pio Nono Ave and Gray Highway on January 31, 2021 and a press conference would be held to announce the "You See Me" Initiative.

Interagency Coordination

No Report

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Bob Dallas, Vision Zero, discussed next steps regarding implementation of the Vision Zero Work Plan. Said steps included discussions with GDOT regarding funding and filling the Safety Manager Position included in said work plan. Board members were informed said work plan would be converted to a grant request for funding. Mr. Dallas advised Mayor Lester Miller was briefed regarding updates to the Vision Zero Work Plan. Board members were advised a Vision Zero Update would take place on February 18, 2021.

Update: New Administration Orientation – Greg Brown

Chairman Brown opened discussion regarding orientation for the new administration. Board members were advised an orientation regarding the functions of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board may be included with a presentation regarding updates to the Vision Zero Work Plan discussed by Mr. Dallas.

Update: Bylaws – Tom Ellington

Dr. Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison, gave an update regarding bylaws. Dr. Ellington stated he was in the process of reviewing information and would give a report at the February 2021 Meeting.

Board Member Appointments – Greg Brown

Chairman Brown discussed expiring board member appointments. Chairman Brown advised board members would be informed regarding the term limits.

Ms. Holly Wharton, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, informed board members she would no longer serve as a representative for the commission. Board members were advised Mr. Taylor Stickels would replace her as the Pedestrian Safety Review Board point of contact for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2021: February 16; March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15 and July 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary