



Pedestrian Safety Review Board Board Meeting

December 12, 2023 | 12:00 PM
Roockery, 543 Cherry St. Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 10-17-2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2023
Commission Conference Room
10:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business

Others Present:

Frank A. Howard, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Jenny Calhoun, Intern County Attorney
Sheila F. Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

Non-Members Present:

Laura Corley, Macon Newsroom
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Board Members Absent:

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. of Community Affairs

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Rachel Umana, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, and passed unanimously, the minutes from September 19, 2023, were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Policy and Legislation & Complete Streets – Rachel Umana**

Rachel Umana reported on the New Job Posting for a Traffic Safety Manager. The position is posted for the public and will remain open for applicants until October 27, 2023.

Rachel Umana reported that the Complete Streets meeting will be held in accordance with the Pedestrian Safety Review Board meeting for the holiday season.

Engineering – Nigel Floyd

Nigel Floyd reported that he has not received any applicants for the Traffic Safety Manager Position yet, but he is hopeful.

Nigel reported that he has received a quote for a Variable Message Radar Speed Trailer. The cost will be \$23,000.00 for each radar. The Board was shown a flyer of the new radar.

Nigel reported on concrete stoppers to be placed on The Boulevard by McAfee Towers. Designs were provided to the Board for review. Nigel reported on Gray Highway project initiatives and said that GDOT is requesting that Macon-Bibb County use some budget funds to support the project.

Greg Boike suggested that the board earmark the Gray Highway project until he receives notice on several grants provided by the Department of Transportation that he applied for on behalf of Macon-Bibb. The results are expected in December 2023.

On motion by Rob Ryals, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, and passed unanimously, the board voted to dedicate funds to pursue the gray highway project, was approved.

- **Enforcement – Lt. Scott Davis**

Lt. Scott Davis reported 3 fatalities within the last two months.

- **Public Communications – Charise Stephens-Merriweather**

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reminded the board that October is National Pedestrian Safety month and events are still going on weekly. Charise expressed the need for volunteers at events. It has been very noticeable that PSRB T-shirts are in the community, and she is meeting with Chris Floore to showcase events in MBC HUB. Charise is charged with ordering more shirts along with brochures to be handed out during events.

The t-shirt design is still in process with the youth designing the t-shirt and the PSRB choosing the final design, the winner will receive \$250.00.

There will be a Halloween event on October 27, 2023 at Carolyn Crayton Park. Nigel Floyd has volunteered to provide candy for this event. Any volunteers are welcome.

Commissioner Wynn asked the board to send invitations to volunteer to the Commissioners. She felt that if the board shared PSRB events with the Commission they might be interested in participating, especially if the event is being held in their district.

Rachel Umana mentioned the Safety Expo at Wesleyan. She welcomed members to attend, and she will hand out PSRB wrist bands and brochures.

Greg Brown reminded the board that PSRB had an email, and he is working with IT Department to have it reinstated. The email was used by citizens who wanted to share ideas or report on things that they see in the community that need addressing.

- **Interagency Coordination**

David Gowan reported on the Safe Teen Driving Event sponsored by Lutzie 43 Foundation. There were about 450 students who participated, and the event was a success. The purpose of the Safe Driving Summits is to educate high school students

about the dangers of distracted, impaired, and unsafe driving, and provide them with tools to make better decisions behind the wheel.

Greg Boike reminded the board of the event at St. Peter Calver School on November 14, 2023. The event is a walk to school event where the parents park at Vineville Methodist and walk or bike to school about 0.6 of a mile. They are expecting about 100 children to participate based on prior events. The contact person for this event is Regina Sweeney.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- **November and December meetings**

The Board discussed the holiday meeting schedule for 2023. The regular scheduled meetings for both November and December fall during the holiday weeks.

On motion by Rob Ryals, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, to move November 21 and December 19, 2023, meetings to November 14 and December 12, 2023, and to have the holiday lunch during the December 12, 2023, meeting.

The motion failed to pass.

On motion by Michael Ryan, seconded by Charise Stephens-Merriweather, and passed unanimously, to cancel November 21, 2023, meeting and change December meeting to December 12, 2023, and have holiday lunch during that meeting with the lunch location to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission