

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Brown, Chairman, MBC Planning and Zoning
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Greg Boike, MGRC
Kaylee Pritt, BWM
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 12-12-2023 Meeting Minutes

On motion by Henry Ficklin, seconded by Rob Ryals, and passed unanimously, the minutes from December 12, 2023, were approved.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Greg Boike reported on SS4A Grant Vision Zero Action Plan. Four hundred thousand dollars were approved for planning, but 4 million were not. He will continue working on making the grant submission in the future more

appealing.

We now have a Traffic Manager in place, Weston Stroud, and he and Greg Boike will work together on future grant opportunities.

Complete Streets Report

Rachel Urmana reported that she met with Weston Stroud in December, and they discussed the future of the Complete Streets Compliance Committee. She reported that direction is needed for the committee, and it should be directed towards engineering leadership. Weston Stroud and Rachel Urmana confirmed that the next Complete Street Compliance Committee meeting will be February 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

B Engineering

There was no report given.

C Enforcement

Lieutenant Davis reported on fatalities over the years and a few areas that are considered red zones.

Rob Ryles reported on streetlight installations on Pio Nono Ave. and Rockey Creek Rd., stating that the installations will help with some fatalities. Facilities is also in the process of re-identifying school zones that need flashers installed, replaced or repaired.

D Public Communication

Greg Brown reported on the last events of 2023. Pedestrian on the Move in December was very successful. He and other members of the board were able to educate around 30 pedestrians on how to safely use the safety signals. They also handed out arm bracelets.

October 2023 was Safety Month and the Board was able to cover four different areas in Macon with education and arm bracelets.

Weston Stroud will start inviting visitors to the PSRB meetings to allow the board to receive feedback. The Board feels that a person from MBC Public Works Dept. would be an asset to the Board because they are in the streets daily and can inform the Board of issues or concerns that they see.

Procedures and policies for pedestrians to issue complaints or suggestions were discussed. The Board feels that this might already exist and just needs to be updated and made available to the public.

Greg Brown and Charise Stephens-Merriweather are looking for the invitation to apply for the FY24 GOHS Grant.

E Interagency Coordination

David Gowan reported on the student Bike Club at Westside Highschool. He has been working with Charise Stephens-Merriweather on this project.

4. Old Business

The Board welcomed the new Traffic Safety Manager, Weston Stroud, to the Macon-Bibb Government. Mr. Stroud shared a little about his experience and stated that he is looking forward to assisting in any way possible.

5. New Business

No new business was discussed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission