

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Brown, Chairman, MBC Planning and Zoning
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Dir. Of Community Affairs
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Charise Stephens-Merriweather, MBC Small Business (call in)
Jimmie Smith, MBC Health Dept.

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Honorable Elaine Lucas
Kaylee Pritt, BWM
Weston Stroud, MBC Traffic Safety Manager
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission
Shannon Gallaway, Traffic Engineering
George Thomas, Citizen
Hannah Pack, Soul of MGA Entertainment
Rachel Schurmann, Soul of MGA Entertainment

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, BWM
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Greg Brown noted an error in the minutes from August 20, 2024. The minutes stated that Greg Brown reminded the Board that a grant had been applied for but not approved yet. The correction is that Greg Brown should have been Greg Boike.

A 08-20-2024 PSRB Meeting Minutes

On motion of Henry Ficklin, seconded by Myrtle Habersham, and passed unanimously, the minutes from August 20, 2024, were approved.

3. Subcommittee Reports

A Policy and Legislation

Members of the Board discussed ways of informing citizens about what the Board does. Members feel that it is important that this Board is recognized for its accomplishments. Nigel Floyd stressed the importance of establishing partnerships with other organizations and Michael Ryan reminded the Board that the goal of PSRB is to promote safety along with partnership.

Greg Brown will meet with MBC IT Department to see if the PSRB Website can be updated and brainstorm ideas on how to keep it updated as events happen. Dr. Ficklin reported that the Mayor has an Internship Program and has hired someone for the position. This intern will focus on social media and could be a valuable tool for PSRB when it comes to updating and improving the PSRB Website. Attorney Howard expressed his interest in assisting with the outline of the intern's job description when working on PSRB .

Complete Streets Report

There was no report.

B Engineering

Nigel Floyd reported on the grants that were approved for the East Side Construction. Mrs. Habersham and Dr. Ficklin are very interested in seeing the spending plan for the funds that have been granted to the Board.

Weston and Nigel will work on providing a narrative of projects and report back to the Board. The Board discussed the formation of the subcommittee where a thorough report can be provided to the Board.

On motion of Myrtle Habersham, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the Board agreed to have Weston Stroud move forward with the subcommittee by assigning members and setting a meeting date to discuss projects.

Traffic Safety Manager Report

Weston Stroud provided handouts to the Board outlining the East Macon Route Project.

Michael Ryan suggested that the Board as a group take a field trip to the location and walk through the potential construction sights.

On motion of Michael Ryan, seconded by Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the Board agreed to go to the area, invite citizens in the area to attend, make observations and recommendations, come back together as a Board and have discussion. Any member of the board involved in any safety activities will be mindful not to assembly outside the regularly scheduled PSRB meetings.

C Enforcement

There was no report from enforcement.

Myrtle Habersham brought up the issue of children and some adults in the streets on Pio Nono Ave. and Eisenhower Parkway with buckets collecting funds. The Board discussed sending a memo to the Sheriffs Department about the issue and the potential for unsafe activities.

D Public Communication

Charise Stephens-Merriweather reported that the PSRB has an official Mascot! She ordered a Bear costume in both children's and adult sizes. The PSRB will be able to use the mascot at upcoming events in 2024.

Greg Brown reported on the PSRB Outreach Event which is still in the planning stages. Volunteers are still needed, and some events will be announced soon. Greg discussed the Macon Mall Walk in memory of pedestrian fatalities. The Board agreed that a good time to host the event is Monday morning October 14, 2024, from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Macon Mall lower level. Snacks will be provided.

Commissioner Lucas suggested that the PSRB make a dedication to Malijah Seales, the 5-year-old who was hit and killed by a vehicle in 2014 at Millerfield Road/Jeffersonville Road in Macon. She suggested having a marker placed in the area in her honor.

E Interagency Coordination

David Gowan reported on parents' reckless driving during the drop-off and pick-up of students. He will get with Nigel Floyd to survey the area and make suggestions on how to make improvements.

4. Old Business

Weston Stroud shared the Scoring Rubric for the Eligibility Requirement Table along with the Eligibility Requirement Table.

Shannon Callaway, from Traffic Engineering, explained the Urban SDK Report on the big screen.

5. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

6. Non-Agenda Public Comments

Hannah Pack and Rachel Schurmann presented to the Board their vision of bringing an event called Tamashiicon to Macon. This event will be a one-day event for approximately twelve hours held at The Middle Georgia State Center. They are interested in having a partnership with PSRB. The event is still in the planning stages, and they would like to have it in 2025. They will put together a budget and come back to the Board for a decision. (a flyer was handed out)

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission