

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Ellington, Chairman
Elaine Lucas, Commissioner
Violet Poe, Citizen Member
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
Michael Ryan, Citizen Member
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gregory Brown, MBC P&Z
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
Beverly Ming, Nurse Mgr. Health Dept.
Camille Watson, Education Mgr. Health Dept.
Kimberly Lowe, Middle Ga Regional Commission
Stephanie Hyman, MBC Health Dept.
Jackie Curry, Admin Asst. to the Clerk of
Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Chris Tsavatewa, DOH
David Gowan, BOE Risk Management
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

Chairman Tom Ellington called the meeting to order.

Chairman Ellington's first order of business was to approve the October 17, 2017 minutes. On motion by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, seconded by Mr. Robert Ryals and passed unanimously, the Minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation - No Report

Engineering

Mr. Nigel Floyd reported that the Commissioners approved the speed limit change and speed reduction on Upper River Road, between Twin Pines to Shurling Drive from 30 mph – 25 mph. The Commissioners also approved the roundabout concept that the GDOT presented for Broadway, Pio Nono and Houston Avenue.

Commissioner Lucas reported that due to the hard work of this PSRB, changes were made, drawings were upgraded, and pedestrians were taken into consideration.

Chairman Ellington reported that he spoke with the Public Safety Committee and they were very receptive to the comments of the PSRB.

Mr. Floyd reported on the projects on Montpelier and the speed hump for Pendleton Homes. The cost estimates and the invoices have been submitted to the budget officer and to the administration.

Commissioner Lucas stated that all entities of Government should be involved when the area of pedestrian safety is involved. Commissioner Lucas also reported that the Commission can get more involved and decrease some of the lag time.

On motion by Ms. Bessie Brown, seconded by Mr. Michael Ryan and passed unanimously, the Board has authorized Chairman Ellington to prepare a letter to the Public Safety Committee informing them of the delays that the PSRB has encountered regarding the requested safety improvements on Montpelier and Pendleton Homes.

Chairman Ellington will also request Commissioner Scotty Shepherd to present a report at the December PSRB Meeting.

Enforcement - No Report

Public Communication - Violet Poe

Ms. Violet Poe thanked Commissioner Lucas, Dr. Chris Tsavatewa, Mr. David Gowan, Ms. Beverlyn Ming, and the entire Board of Health for the approval of funding to continue using the marketing tools for the pedestrian safety education campaign.

A meeting was held on November 3rd with Ms. Ming and Ms. Camille Watson to review the requested budget items for the continuation of the "CROSS THE WALK" Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign, and funding for the additional items needed for the Pedestrian "On The Move" project.

Even though there was not enough customer use to justify the cost of putting a bus shelter at any of the locations in the Upper River Road area, the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority has placed a bench and trash can for customer use at the bus stop located at the intersection of Clinton Road and Upper River Road.

The movable billboard is still located at the entrance of Walnut Creek Plaza on Gray Highway for the month of November. The location will change for the month of December once a new contract has been signed with Lamar Outdoor Advertising.

Monthly Public Service Announcements are still on the air and rotating on three of the IHeart Media radio stations and the window wraps are still displaying the pedestrian safety education campaign message on two of the MTA Para-Transit buses. New contracts will be signed with IHeart Media and The Sign Store for these services at the same cost.

A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) in the amount of \$20,785.00 for the Pedestrian "On The Move" project, was approved and adopted at the November 7th Commission meeting.

A meeting was held with Ms. Julie Moore on November 17th regarding the ordering of budget items and the timeline for the submission of the monthly progress reports for the Pedestrian "On The Move" grant. The ordering of the budget items will begin during the month of December, and the first progress report (October) for the grant was submitted to the GOHS on November 20th.

Interagency Coordination - Sam Henderson

Mr. Sam Henderson reported that he met Ms. Moore with regard to the grant process for Pedestrian Safety. Ms. Moore was to meet with Bike/ Walk Macon and as of yet Mr. Henderson has not received a response. Mr. Henderson reported that he will check on the status.

Discussion of Series of Town Hall Meetings - Chairman Ellington

Chairman Ellington reported that he attended a meeting with the Public Safety Committee. He discussed areas of Pedestrian Safety with the group, which included Jeffersonville Road and the planned roundabout on Houston Avenue. The Public Safety Committee requested an opinion from the County Attorney in reference to who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance on State routes.

Chairman Ellington reported that he attended a Bike/Walk Macon meeting with Mr. Ryan, Mr. Brad Belo, and a representative from GDOT. They discussed changes to Riverside Drive between Madison Street and the Interstate 16/75 interchange.

Bob Dallas Contract - Consultant (Vision Zero)

Chairman Ellington reported that he has not examined the Bob Dallas contract. The Department of Health is prepared to move forward. Ms. Ming will send a copy of the contract to Ms. Jackie Curry to be distributed to each member of the PSRB on this matter.

Chairman Ellington discussed the idea of the PSRB in the New Year having 4 Board Meetings in the community so that community members can be present, or conduct listening sessions, in different locations. Commissioner Lucas suggested that BSO Coordinator, Ms. Judy Gordon, will be the best contact for any neighborhood watch.

Update on MLK/Broadway Sidewalk - Chairman Ellington

Chairman Ellington reported that he visited the site on Broadway/MLK and the site was in disrepair shape. Chairman Ellington is awaiting word from the County Attorney to see who is responsible for this matter. Chairman Ellington will check on this today after this meeting.

December Meeting - Chairman Ellington

The next PSRB will be December 19, 2017 @ 10am

Chairman Ellington will invite Senator John Kennedy and Mr. Bubba Epps to the next PSRB Meeting.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes - Chairman Ellington

On motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously, the July minutes were approved.

Citizens' Concerns - Chairman Ellington

Chairman Ellington referenced cars parking on sidewalks at the intersection of Broadway and 5th Street. Mr. Floyd reported that he will contact Major Walker regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Chairman Ellington reported that he would like to use the Mayor's Conference Room for future PSRB Meetings.

Commissioner Lucas discussed adding sidewalks to Pinehill Drive in the Shurling Area. Chairman Ellington stated that he will drive to the area, take pictures and discuss the matter at the next PSRB meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that the residents of St. Paul are still having problems with crosswalks.

Ms. Stephanie Hyman of the Health Department reported that she will bring reflectors for pedestrians to use at night when they are out and about.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ellington.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Curry
Recording Secretary