

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

November 17, 2015

10:05 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Vice Chairman
Violet Poe
Nigel Floyd
Rob Ryals
Sam Henderson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Mr. Chris Tsavatewa

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Capt. Eric Walker
Lt. Brad Wolfe

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
Dr. Dave Oedel
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
David Gowan, Exc. Dir. Risk Mgmt.
Paula Rotondo, 13 WMAZ

GUEST PRESENT

Lee Martin

The meeting was called to order by Michael Ryan, Vice-Chairman

On motion by Mr. Nigel Floyd, seconded by Mr. Sam Henderson and passed unanimously the minutes of October 20, 2015 and were approved as amended with added verbiage to clarify the use of Flashing Amber Signals.

Presentation by Board Member Violet Poe:

Violet Poe presented her presentation on Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign "CROSS THE WALK". This campaign promotes the importance of crosswalk use for pedestrians, drivers, and passengers. The goal of the campaign is to decrease the annual injury and fatality rates among pedestrians of all ages in Macon-Bibb County through the use of various educational tools. Ms. Poe suggested using mascots (**PEDDY** and **PEDORA**) consisting of one male and one female dressed in casual clothing accented with pedestrian crosswalk signs. The mascots will represent the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Fatality Review Board at various community involved educational events. Board Members liked the idea of using mascots and requested information on funding the project.

Presentation by Pilot International Member Bessie Brown:

Ms. Bessie Brown, President of Pilot International, established in 1921, presented the Board with the history and purpose of the Piolet Club. Piolet Int. promotes Brain Safety utilizing puppet shows in the schools which provide information on gun safety and walking safety within the schools. The program is focused on Care More, Give More and Do More. Ms. Brown would like for Pilot International and the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board to partner in promoting safety using the mascots in their organization and at various school locations. Pilot International is ready to assist in educating the community with this Board.

Presentation by Executive Director Risk Management Bibb County School District David Gowan:

Mr. Gowan advised the Board that the School District is working on two incentives Infrastructure and Education. There is an MOU with the County Government and the Board of Education to bring awareness to all public school zones. This information should go before the Board of Education to proceed. The “**Safe Route School Program**” is based on measures to improve the health and well-being of children in grades K-8 by making it safe, convenient and fun to walk or bike to school every day. The program is based on the Georgia Academic Standards of Science and Mathematics which is the basic rule for using crosswalk in the classrooms. Mr. Gowan and Ms. Poe collaborated on the possible use of utilizing the art department with the school district to design a comic book promoting pedestrian safety. Mr. Gowan will work on educating the schools, campus police, and the community involved on crossing safely at an early age which would emphasize the importance of pedestrian safety.

Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Nigel Floyd, Macon Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department informed the Board of some changes to various streets. He provided street and road names where changes have or will be taking place. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requires permission before work can proceed on various state routes and roadways.

Law Enforcement Committee:

No information to report.

Age Friendly Group Report:

No representative to report on this committee.

Mr. Henderson will contact the local AAPR Organization representing the Age Friendly Community Advisory Board to extend an invitation to attend the next meeting.

On motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, the Board was asked to provide written documentation on the progress of the committee which will be presented to the Elected Official during the Public Safety Committee portion on next Tuesdays Commission meeting. Mr. Tsavatewa and other Board members will meet the morning of November 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. as a Special Called meeting to finalize the presentation. The motion was carried and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lee Martin addressed his concerns regarding the speed limits, the Forest Hill Road project, GDOT, and the need for road safety. He requested that the Board consider changing the time at the meeting due to most citizens could not attend.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charletta Y. Price
Recording Secretary