

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2021
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Michael Ryan, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Dept. of Community Affairs
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary
Mayor Lester Miller
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Wanye Reese, 13Wmaz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon, Vice
Chair
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Dr. Henry Ficklin, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the October 19, 2021 Minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

No Report

Engineering

Chairman Brown gave an update regarding the Road Safety Audit on Shurling Drive. Board members were advised the report from said audit needed to be finalized. Chairman Brown advised once the results were finalized, a report would be provided to board members.

Mr. Michael Ryan opened discussion regarding a motion made at the September 21, 2021 Meeting regarding pedestrian activated lights on Mercer University Drive. He asked if the

recommendation was presented to the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Chairman Brown stated said recommendation had not been presented to the Macon-Bibb County Commission.

Dr. Ficklin suggested a formal process to send recommendations to the Mayor should be adopted once a recommendation was passed by the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. Board members agreed a formal letter should be presented to the Mayor once a recommendation was passed. On motion by Dr. Ficklin, seconded by Ms. Charise Stephens and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board agreed to a formal process to present recommendations to the Mayor and the Macon-Bibb County Commission.

Enforcement

Ms. Stephens opened discussion shared information regarding a post by Lt. Mark Schultz on Facebook. Lt. Schultz passed out armbands to women he would see walking early in the morning in the dark. Ms. Stephens advised there were three pedestrian fatalities since the last meeting in October 2021.

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, opened discussion regarding National Pedestrian Safety Month. She shared information regarding events held during the month. Board members were advised the outreach to the homeless at Daybreak was a success. Mr. Taylor Stickels, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, advised a lot of armbands were passed out. Ms. Stephens stated more outreach events would take place at Daybreak.

Chairman Brown opened discussion regarding the Open Streets Macon Event which took place during National Pedestrian Safety Month. Board members were advised regarding pedestrian education efforts and outreach made to citizens. Ms. Stephens stated children's T-Shirts and candy were passed out at the Trunk-Or-Treat in collaboration with Macon-Bibb County Recreation.

Discussion ensued regarding Health Department Grant Funding. Ms. Stephens asked for approval of an incentive for participation in Walking Audits. On motion by Mr. David Gowan, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, board members agreed to provide a \$50 Gift Card and lunch to participants in Walking Audits in Macon-Bibb County.

Interagency Coordination

Mr. Gowan opened discussion regarding Safe Routes to School in Macon-Bibb County. Board members were advised a Safe Routes to School Coordinator had been appointed by the Bibb County School District.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Ms. Kaye Cleveland gave an updated regarding Vision Zero. Board members were advised Mr. Bob Dallas commented on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and he was waiting on a confirmation for a final version from Macon-Bibb County before the MOU would be presented to GDOT for comments.

Ms. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated she received Mr. Dallas' comments and would be working on the MOU and collaborating with committee members regarding a final version.

Walking Audit – Charise Stephens

Ms. Charise Stephens opened discussion regarding Walking Audits. Board members were advised Walking Audits would be necessary for planning for grant opportunities regarding infrastructure. Ms. Stephens stated grant funding opportunities would become available due to the Infrastructure Bill passed by the Biden Administration¹³.

December Meeting

Chairman Brown opened discussion regarding the December 2021 PSRB Meeting. Board members were asked if they wanted to have a Special Called Meeting on December 14th. Commissioner Elaine Lucas asked if the Special Called Meeting could be a working lunch at the Rookery. On motion by Dr. Ficklin, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board will have a Special Called Meeting on December 14th at 11:30 a.m. the Rookery.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2021: and December 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary