

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present:

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Michael Ryan, Citizen

Board Members Absent:

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon

Others Present:

Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Greg Boike, Middle GA Regional Commission
Robert Stephens, UDA Assistant Director

Non-Members Absent:

Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department
Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department
Bob Dallas, Consultant via Zoom

Call To Order

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Elaine Lucas and seconded of Michael Ryan, and passed unanimously, was amended the minutes to insert additional information and to add this information to the November 15, 2022 minutes for clarification.

Policy and Legislation

Commissioner Elaine Lucas reported the Mayor has proposed a contract with Peachtree Recovery Services. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated the Peachtree Recovery Services will recover funds for damages to guardrails and light poles. Peachtree Recover Services also offers additional services to analyze pedestrian bicycle accidents and provide reports to the Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB).

Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer reported he and several others met with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding Gray Highway and the issues pertaining to pedestrians'

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safety. GDOT has placed the appropriate crosswalks in areas on Gray Highway where they were missing.

Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, stated the move made by PSRB and the Commission pursuing the grant was a great move to help encourage GDOT in moving forward. He reported the letters of support have come in from Senator Bishop and Senator Warnock. Senator Ossof is still working on his letter.

Mr. Floyd stated he can send an email to the district sharing specific areas the PSRB would like to see road safety audits (RSA) are available.

Enforcement

Mrs. Lucas stated the school zones enforcements will be suspended until November 28, 2022.

On motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, minutes of the November 15, 2022 were amended.

Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, stated camera speed enforcement will be conducted according to state law. Speed Enforcement will begin one hour before classes commence until one hour after classes let out for the day and only on days when school is in session. The use of cameras will enforce the regular posted speed limit during the time mentioned, even when the flashers are not flashing. The cameras will enforce the identified flasher speed limit when flashing.

Robert Stephens, UDA assistant director, stated the citation and ticket issuance system related to the downtown parking has been approved. The new program will help in the safety of pedestrians because there was never a clear enforcement before.

Public Communication

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, updated the Board on the Halloween, Tubman, and Central City Park Events. The PSAs are still going and possibly need to be updated for next year. She reported she is working with the schools and recently won the National Grant for Bike Clubs in the schools. The week of November 12-20 is Hunger and Homeless Awareness week and PSRB will be distributing armbands and t-shirts. She asked the Board for a subcommittee to have volunteers or nominees to help complete projects and get materials together.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas and seconded of Charise Stephens, and passed unanimously, a subcommittee for Public Communications was created.

On motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Rob Ryals, and passed unanimously, David Gowan, Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Gregory Brown, Dr. Henry Ficklin were named as volunteers to the Public Communications subcommittee.

Mrs. Stephens stated this week was crossing guard appreciation week. She thanked David Gowan for help in hiring more crossing guards.

Interagency Coordination

David Gowan, Bibb County School District, requested details on the Bicycle Grant from Mrs. Stephens. He stated the school district is willing to purchase the bike racks for the schools.

Mr. Brown stated the dates for the Pedestrian Summit will be determined. Mr. Gowan reported the Hutchings School can cater food for the Summit.

Myrtle Habersham, AARP, reported Mrs. Stephens recently graduated from AARP's National Program called The Walking College.

Vision Zero

No report

Old Business

Mrs. Lucas requested reflectors program on the motorized wheelchairs and non-motorized wheelchairs be revisited.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas and seconded of David Gowan and passed unanimously, the program to have the reflectors for motorized, non-motorized wheelchairs and or handicap equipment will be revisited.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas and seconded of David Gowan and passed unanimously, a stipend of up to \$500 for Charise Stephens to order reflectors was approved.

On motion of David Gowan and seconded of Henry Ficklin and passed unanimously, the time of the meeting was changed to 11:30 a.m. on December 20, 2022 at a location to be determined by Charise Stephens.

Adjournment

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

Future meetings will be held in 2022/2023:

- December 20
- January 17
- February 14
- March 14
- April 18

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Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant

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