

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2021
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Rachel Hollar Umana, Bike Walk Macon, Vice Chair
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Dept. of Community Affairs
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Ron Wildman, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anita Mohapatra, Bike Walk Macon
Liz Fabian, Mercer University CCJ
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary
Mayor Lester Miller
Koryn Young, Bike Walk Macon
Ben Giffard, Streets Simplified
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nigel Floyd, seconded by Dr. Henry Ficklin and passed unanimously, the September 21, 2021 Minutes were approved.

Policy and Legislation

Commissioner Elaine Lucas advised the Macon-Bibb County Commission passed legislation regarding the installation of sidewalks and streetlights on Old Clinton Road. Said legislation was passed after Ms. Irene Stubbs was killed in a pedestrian accident. Commissioner Lucas asked the Pedestrian Safety Review Board to endorse the adoption of Irene's Law in memory of Ms. Stubbs. On motion by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Dr. Ficklin and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board endorsed Irene's Law.

Mayor Lester Miller advised an event may take place on Old Clinton Road to commemorate the passage of Irene's Law. He advised the Communications Department would collaborate with the

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Administration to coordinate an event. Board members were advised an event would take place soon.

Engineering

Mr. Floyd advised board members the Georgia Department of Transportation had scheduled a Road Safety Audit to take place on October 26, 2021 at 10 a.m. Mr. Floyd advised board members said audit would be performed on Shurling Drive starting at Gray Highway and ending at Walnut Creek.

Mr. Floyd then introduced Mr. Ben Giffard, Vice President of Safety for Streets Simplified. Streets Simplified is a Safety Analytics Software Company. Board members were presented information regarding the Safety Analytic Software. Mr. Floyd stated said software would help identify problem areas in Macon-Bibb County in terms of pedestrian safety.

Chairman Brown discussed a citizen complaint regarding speeding on Nowell Court of Sardis Church Road. He stated a citizen requested the installation of speed bumps on said street. Chairman Brown stated the citizen would reach out to other neighbors to get support for the installation of speed bumps and follow up with the MBC Engineering Department.

Chairman Brown stated he participated in a walk audit with the Vineville Neighborhood Association. Board members were advised the audit took place on Vineville Avenue from Pierce Avenue to Holt Avenue. He stated notes would be compiled from the audit to be presented to the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Enforcement

No report.

Public Communication

Ms. Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, gave an update regarding National Pedestrian Safety Month. Board members were advised PSAs and testimonials were finished. T-Shirts were presented to board members. Ms. Stephens advised a display with reflecting armbands was at City Hall and would remain up for the duration of National Pedestrian Safety Month.

Board members were advised the next event to take place was Open Streets with Bike Walk Macon. Ms. Stephens shared the testimonial of LJ Malone whose father was killed in a pedestrian crash. She also stated the PSRB Website would be updated to include information regarding pedestrian safety and information from RAC Cards and Brochures.

Ms. Stephens advised follow-up was needed after outreach to the homeless regarding pedestrian safety. Chairman Brown advised the three quotes needed for the procurement process for printing of RAC Cards and Brochures had been gathered and printing would begin soon.

Ms. Stephens gave an update regarding Health Department Grant Funding. She stated board members needed to coordinate how extra funds would be spent. Commissioner Lucas suggested any extra funds should be spent on T-Shirts for children.

Interagency Coordination

Ms. Stephens stated the Statewide Safe Routes to School Contract was passed. Board members were advised said program would be implemented before the end of the year and a point of contact had been established for Safe Routes to School. Board members were also advised a Walking School Bus would be implemented in Macon-Bibb County by the end of the year as well.

Vision Zero Update – Bob Dallas

Mr. Bob Dallas gave an update regarding the Transportation Safety Manager Position for the Vision Zero Program. Ms. Adrianna Beavers, MBC Assistant County Attorney, stated she was working on the MOU with the Georgia Department of Transportation for said position, however, she needed more information regarding a timeline and funding for the Transportation Safety Manager Position. Mr. Dallas stated there was no definite timeline for the duration of the position.

Video Conferencing

Chairman Brown opened discussion regarding videoconferencing at future meetings. Ms. Kaye Cleveland advised board members that they needed to attend in person to count towards a quorum. Ms. Cleveland also stated legislation passed by the Macon-Bibb County Commission stated that the option to implement videoconferencing at meetings lasted for 30 days and said period had passed.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2021: November 16; and December 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary