

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 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
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs

Board Members Absent:

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District

Others Present:

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

Non-Members Absent:

Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department
Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department

Call To Order

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Personal Point of Privilege

Chairman Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, introduced Robert Stephens to the Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB). Robert Stephens is the Assistant Director of the Urban Development Authority and works on the downtown parking program, the Dempsey, and the Mill Hill redevelopment project. Mr. Stephens feels there is a connection between the parking program and pedestrian safety and is excited for future collaboration with members of the PSRB. He stated there will be a walk around at night on October 7, 2022 in the downtown area to see the effect on pedestrian safety.

Approval of Minutes

On Motion of Nigel Floyd and seconded of Rob Ryals, and passed unanimously, the minutes of August 16, 2022.

Policy and Legislation

Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, reported the next Complete Streets meeting will be October 17, 2022. She stated Bike Walk Macon will be hosting Open Streets with two different routes.

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The first Open Street will be held October 2, 2022 covering Ward Street, Percy, Third Avenue and will end at St. Peter Claver with 35 different activities. She stated the next Open Streets will be held November 6, 2022.

Ms. Umana reported Reimagining the Civics Commons Committee received a grant from the Knight Foundation. The grant is for several traffic calming projects to improve biking areas and the final draft will be completed soon through the Pillar Foundation.

Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer reported Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has moved back to Walnut Street bridge to complete the pedestrian crossing. Mr. Floyd stated the project on Eisenhower Parkway will cover Anthony Road to the Interstate. The project includes a reduction of lanes, placing sidewalks and bike lanes. The county has committed \$725,000 to the project, but GDOT will need a letter of commitment.

Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, stated the Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) grant was successfully submitted on September 15, 2022. The types of improvements will cover extending sidewalks, improved lighting, and pedestrian refugee areas. He stated another step that would be helpful is to reach out to the congressional delegation asking for a letter of support. The grant amount will be \$3,000,000 with a match of \$750,000 locally. GDOT sent a letter of support but has not yet approved the SS4A grant.

On Motion of Rachel Hollar Umana and seconded of Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, authorizing Greg Boike to request letters of support from Senator Ossoff, Senator Warnock, and Representative Bishop for the grant application.

Enforcement

Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, reported on the traffic cameras located in the school zones. According to Bibb County Sheriff Department (BCSO) the tickets will be given for speeding in the school zone according to the active posted school zone speed limit while the flashers are flashing. There are 9 school zones that have the traffic device with the intent to add more. Nigel Floyd will meet with Chris Floor, Chief Director of Communications, while Charise Stephens meets with David Gowan to potentially create information to educate the public on how the traffic cameras operate in the school zone areas.

Mr. Ryals stated camera speed enforcement will be conducted according to state law. Enforced one hour before classes commence until one hour after classes let out for the day and only on days when school is in session. It will enforce the regular posted speed limit during the time mentioned, when the flashers are not flashing. They will enforce the identified flasher speed limit when flashing.

Public Communication

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, discussed the walking audit and how the new items can be used for the Boards outreach programs. She reported on the Halloween Event and discussed the Outside United Program with Judy Gordan. She also spoke with Sister Teresa about the Homeless Outreach Program in November and will have a similar format as last years event. The t-shirts for the Homeless Outreach Program will cost about a \$1000 and the candy for the Halloween Event will cost about \$300 with Nigel Floyd being the point of contact.

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On Motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Nigel Floyd, and passed unanimously, the PSRB authorize Charise Stephens to purchase candy for the kids in the amount of \$300 and \$1000 for t-shirts to come from the Health Department Grant.

On Motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Myrtle Habersham, and passed unanimously, Charise Stephens to place a booth for PSRB at the Age Friendly 10th Anniversary Event on October 22, 2022 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Tattnell Square Park.

She stated members of the PSRB need to dedicate volunteer hours to the outreach programs such as the Age Friendly Event, Halloween, and many others. She reported the Biketober will celebrate with the school systems Safe Routes to School giving out bikes and bike safety information.

Greg Brown, Chair stated the Pedestrian Safety Summit will be on October 25, 2022. He reported the GOHS grant would like PSRB to do a Homeless Outreach as part of the grant responsibilities. He stated he will be out at the Brookdale Warming Center giving out information and armbands on September 24, 2022. Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs, stated concerns of not reaching all the homeless in our community. Nigel Floyd stated the need of food vouchers to incentivize the homeless community and give them the information they need. Greg stated the title of the homeless program is Hunger and Homeless. Mr. Brown reported the GOHS grant application for the next fiscal year is due October 18, 2022.

On Motion of Henry Ficklin and seconded of Myrtle Habersham, and passed unanimously, authorize Charise to spend funds up to a certain amount for the Board to address National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month in November.

Interagency Coordination

No report

Vision Zero

Bob Dallas, Consultant via zoom, reported on Vision Zero He stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has some proposed changes to make it work with GDOT.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Future meetings will be held in 2022/2023:

- October 18
- November 15
- December 20
- January 17
- February 14

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Respectfully submitted,

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant

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