

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

September 20, 2016

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Tsavatewa, Vice Chairman
Elaine Lucas, Commissioner
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Office
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner
David Gowan, BOH Chairman
Violet Poe, Citizen Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Kelley, Asst. Clerk of the Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Capt. Eric Walker, Bibb Co. Sheriff Dept.
Michael Ryan, Chairman
Tom Ellington
Lt. Brad Wolfe, Bibb Co. Sheriff Dept.
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management Dept.
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management Dept.
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Bessie Brown, PILOT

Vice Chairman Chris Tsavatewa called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Approval of July 26, 2016 Minutes

On motion by Vice Chairman Chris Tsavatewa, seconded by Mr. David Gowan and passed unanimously, the minutes of July 26, 2016 were amended to reflect Mr. Gowan's absence at the July 26, 2016 meeting.

On motion by Vice Chairman Tsavatewa, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas, and passed unanimously, the minutes of July 26, 2016 were approved as amended.

Other Matters:

Pedestrian Safety Stakeholder Summit Update

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa reported that there were over 120 participants at the Summit which was well-received and served as a motivator for the cause. He thanked the group for their participation and congratulated Mr. Brad Belo on his integral efforts at setting up the data presentation and coordinating the Summit. Commissioner Lucas recommended having an additional Summit to continue public awareness.

Vision Zero

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa distributed the Vision Zero Action Plan recommendations and reviewed each line item. He discussed the Action Plan for a Vision Zero Committee and the renaming of the "Vision Zero" group. Commissioner Lucas disagreed with the changing of the "Vision Zero" name since it is now widely used and recognized as a public brand with a good reputation.

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa emphasized the importance of capitalizing on the moment and discussed different ways to maintain the interest and drive of the public. He suggested inviting the Summit attendees to attend the next meeting. Commissioner Lucas suggested the group visit three "hot spot" sites for the next Board meeting.

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa discussed the creation of five working groups relating directly to the five areas of Vision Zero and their purpose; (i) Data Collection and Evaluation; (ii) Equity; (iii) Funding; (iv) Infrastructure; and (v) Behavior. Vice Chairman Tsavatewa pointed out that these five areas can be a good tool for a working agenda.

Mr. Belo added that the data collection continues to evolve. Commissioner Lucas said that the information received from Planning and Zoning is invaluable to the cause. The group further discussed the nationalization of a bike/walk-friendly city. Mr. Belo confirmed that an enforceable policy is in the works for a Vision Zero approach to reducing fatal traffic accidents to none. He added that the County is still pursuing a case-by-case contract awareness to Vision Zero.

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa mentioned that Mr. Belo has begun identifying "hot spot" venues. He requested that Mr. Belo provide a list to Ms. Denise Kelley of the "hot spot" locations. Ms. Kelley will coordinate a field trip for the October 18th Board meeting for members and guests to visit the three "hot spot" locations by bus. The media will also be notified.

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa inquired as to the status of the flashers. Mr. David Gowan informed the Board that the RFP specifications are currently being written for the "flashers." The RFP for the flashers will be issued by the County, and they will be responsible for maintaining them. The school district will provide the funds. Mr. Gowan will follow-up with Mr. Nigel Floyd of Engineering.

Commissioner Elaine Lucas will prepare a Resolution to the Commission for the newly-elected members of the Board (Brad Belo and Myrtle Habersham) and for any future elected members.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Communications:

Ms. Violet Poe distributed a "Cross the Walk" campaign budget flyer listing description of items, vendors, and discounted cost per item. Ms. Poe ensured the Board that the Vision Zero language would be included in the campaign materials. Vice Chairman Tsavatewa suggested

Ms. Poe contact Ms. Nancy White for further ideas on the design of the flyers. Discussion ensued as to the process of funding the campaign.

Vice Chairman Tsavatewa asked if there was any further business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Kelley
Recording Secretary