

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Interim
Chair
Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School
District
Violet Poe, Citizen
Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Rachel Hollar, Bike Walk Macon
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Charise Stephens, Georgia Wellness &
Fitness Festival

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kaye Cleveland, Clerk of Commission
Kimberly Lowe, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Commissioner Joe Allen, MBC Health
Department
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO

Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Sam Henderson, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the minutes from the August 20, 2019 Meeting were approved.

Commissioner Lucas opened discussion regarding Board Appointments and Elections of new officers. The group was advised regarding Sheriff Department designees to serve on the Board. Commissioner Lucas stated initial nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were Mr. Greg Brown,

MBC Planning & Zoning and Ms. Rachel Hollar, respectively. The Pedestrian Safety Review Board formally voted to appoint Mr. Brown as Chair and Ms. Hollar as Vice Chair.

Discussion regarding the 2020 Census began with Commissioner Lucas discussing the role of Macon-Bibb County with respect to ensuring all citizens are counted in the upcoming census. The importance of reaching out to local organizations and making sure the homeless, youth and low-income citizens are counted. Commissioner Lucas entertained a motion to make the Pedestrian Safety Review Board a Complete County Committee. On motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Henderson and passed unanimously, the Pedestrian Safety Review Board was designated a Complete Count Committee.

Policy and Legislation

No Report

Engineering

Mr. Rob Ryals briefed the group regarding lighting in the Northeast High School Area. A Street Light Study was performed in said area. A recommendation was made to install seven streetlights.

Enforcement

No Report

Interagency Coordination

Mr. David Gowan gave a report on the new location of the MBC Health Department. Mr. Gowan informed the group the bus stop for the new location would be moved to the parking lot instead of on the sidewalk. Mr. Gowan stated the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Board of Health were concerned about speed limits in said area.

The Board was informed the Bibb County School District would pay for flashing school speed zone signs to be installed in the Northeast High School Area. Mr. Gowan advised the group about concerns regarding students walking on Napier Avenue behind Central High School. Mr. Gowan stated flashing school zone speed signs will be installed in said area.

Presentation: Copies of Complete Streets Policy

Copies of the proposed Complete Streets Policy were presented to the Board. Ms. Hollar informed the Board she did not get the chance to review said policy before the meeting. Discussion regarding implementation of the Complete Streets Policy in Macon-Bibb County was deferred to the November 2019 PSRB Meeting.

Update: Vision Zero Action Plan Summit

Mr. Brown advised the Board of the time and location of the Vision Zero Summit. The Board was informed an agenda was drafted. The Board was informed Ms. Kaye Cleveland would send out an email invitation to invite organizations and stakeholders to the Vision Zero Summit.

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

Updates to PSRB:

The following PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” and Alive “Beyond 92” community-related activities occurred between the dates of August 21-September 16, 2019:

Date	Activity	Location of Activity	Outreach Total	Number of Volunteers
08/27/2019	Street Corner	Marathon (Ken’s Food Mart) 3705 Irwinton Road (SR57)	71	4
08/28/2019	Street Corner	Shell Gas Station 3750 Mercer University Drive (SR74) @ Atwood Drive	99	4
08/29/2019	Community-related AB92-SW Zone	Ingram-Pye Elementary Back-to-School Jamboree 855 Anthony Road	124	4
08/29/2019	Street Corner (Evening-Night) AB92-SW Zone	Lo-Lo Gas Station 2490 Pio Nono (SR247) @ Eisenhower Parkway (SR22)	100	4
09/06/2019	Street Corner Part I	Marathon 5950 Hawkinsville Hwy (SR247)	85	4
	Neighborhood Canvassing Part II	South Macon Houston Avenue Area	150	2

Date	Activity	Location of Activity	Outreach Total	Number of Volunteers
09/08/2019	Organization Meeting	Veterans of Foreign Wars		

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		711 Key Street	13	5
09/11/2019	Organization Meeting	Family Advancement Ministries 538 Orange Street	39	2
09/12/2019	Community-related Part I AB92-SW Zone	Southwest High v. Central High Football Game Ed DeFore Sports Complex 2851 Heath Road	94	7
09/17/2019	Community-related Part II AB92-SW Zone	Southwest High School Three (3) Lunch Periods 1775 Williamson Road	356	4
09/13/2019	Informational, Educational & Training (AM-PM Shifts)	SAM's Club (Warehouse Industry) 4701 Log Cabin Drive @ Eisenhower Parkway (SR22)	37	3
09/15/2019	Informational, Educational & Training AB92-BCSD Students	Hispanic Community St. Peter Claver Catholic Church 131 Ward Street	141	6
09/16/2019	Informational, Educational & Training AB92-BCSD Students	Boy & Cub Scout Troops Wesley United Methodist Church 4256 Hartley Bridge Road	66	4

The following PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” and Alive “Beyond 92” community-related activities occurred between the dates of September 17-October 9, 2019:

Date	Activity	Location of Activity	Outreach Total	Number of Volunteers
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09/26/2019	Community-related Part I AB92-SW Zone	Ballard-Hudson v. Howard Middle Football Game Ed DeFore Sports Complex 2851 Heath Road	77	7
09/30/2019	Community-related Part II AB92-SW Zone	Ballard-Hudson Middle School Three (3) Lunch Periods 1070 Anthony Road	241	3
09/28/2019	Informational, Educational & Training	GBBC Women's Conference Greater Bellevue Baptist Church 4041 Mumford Road (1) of 5 Speakers: Violet Poe	290	3
09/30/2019	Organization Meeting	Washington Memorial Library Administration 1180 Washington Avenue	19	3
TOTAL	17	17	2,002	69

FINAL REPORT submitted by Violet Poe. FFY20 POTM grant period (October 2019). NOTE: Pre-approval was given by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to distribute leftover FFY19 phantom flash armbands and POTM education cards at the following community-related activities:

Date	Activity	Location of Activity	Outreach Total	Number of Volunteers
10/09/2019	Community-related	"Night to Unite" Elaine H. Lucas Senior Center 132 Smokie Glover Drive	70	1
10/09/2019	Community-related AB92-SW Zone	"Night to Unite" Frank Johnson Recreation Center 2227 Mercer University Drive (SR74)	16	3
TOTAL	2	2	86	4

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY HOTLINE – Submission by Violet Poe (09/17/2019)

Danny Porter-

Concern: Extremely concerned about the volume of crosswalks throughout Macon-Bibb County need to be re-striped, and feels there needs to be a combined effort between the local Traffic Engineering Department and GDOT to get this matter taken care of immediately.

VP NOTE: Mr. Porter is thinking about taking this issue to the Governor's Office.

Dave Dickey -08/27/2019

Concern: Drivers are not aware there is a crosswalk located near the Rookery Restaurant on Cherry Street because there is nothing to warn them, such as pedestrian signage in the area, and other locations throughout the downtown area.

VP NOTE: This is a brick crosswalk with faded white lines, which makes the crosswalk difficult to see from a distance. Refer to the photos of the area of concern taken by Violet Poe.



Patricia DeKalb -09/13/2019

Concern: The Yield sign is very confusing for drivers at the intersection of Sardis Church and Walden Road. Ms. Dekalb and her family members discuss this situation all the time and feel there should be a traffic signal at this intersection because someone is going to get seriously injured

or

killed due to the confusion involving the Yield sign.

VP NOTE: Refer to the photos of the area of concern taken by Violet Poe.



Stephanie Prater- 09/13/2019

Concern: There were approximately 10-15 Pre-Kindergarten students of Ingram-Pye Elementary crossing Ell Street from the Murphy Homes neighborhood to Ell Court, and the drivers were not stopping to let them cross the street until an off-duty crossing guard (driving down Ell Street) observed the situation and stopped her vehicle to let them cross the street.

There is an immediate need for a crosswalk in this area, due this situation, because the children are crossing at this location to walk through a path to get to Anthony Road, then walk up the street to the crossing guard to cross Anthony Road.

A Bibb County School District Campus Police Officer has been temporarily placed at the intersection of Ell Street and Ell Court to help students cross the street safely in the morning and afternoon.

VP NOTE: Refer to the photos of the intersection taken by Chief Stephanie Prater.



VP NOTE: 09/16/2019

This issue of concern involves personal and pedestrian safety. An observation of the area was done by Violet Poe between the time frame of 7:20AM-8:05AM at the intersection of Ell Street and Ell Court. Between 7:20AM-7:35AM, 33 vehicles traveled through the area; 31 above the speed limit and two (2) decreasing their speed before reaching the intersection.

Around 7:35AM, several children began crossing Ell Street from the Murphy Homes neighborhood and traveled down Ell Court to the path (located within the Ell Court neighborhood) leading to the church grounds of Pentecostal Temple.

The path is surrounded by a heavy overgrowth of trees and bushes and is extremely dangerous for any child to travel alone or with a group. This is definitely not a "SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL", and communications with the administration of Ingram-Pye Elementary and the Macon Housing Authority will take place today regarding Chief Prater's concerns and Violet Poe's personal and pedestrian safety observations and concerns for the children.

Refer to the photos of the area of concern taken by Violet Poe.



A letter of resignation as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Board was submitted by Violet Poe to Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert and the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners on (and effective) Monday, October 14, 2019.

All of the 2017-2019 remaining inventory of the "CROSS THE WALK" Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign, FFY18 and FFY19 PEDESTRIAN "On the Move" and FFY19 Alive "Beyond 92" Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant project, and the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board was delivered to Kaye Cleveland on Monday, October 28, 2019. A copy of the signed Inventory Checklist was emailed to Commissioner Elaine Lucas and copied to Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission and Kaye Cleveland.

All close-out reports for the FFY19 PEDESTRIAN "On the Move" grant was completed by Violet Poe and submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Discussion regarding the regularly scheduled October PRSB Meeting was ensued. Chairman Lucas entertained a motion to cancel the October 15, 2019 PSRB due to the Vision Zero Summit scheduled on October 16, 2019. On motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Charise Stephens and passed unanimously, the October 15, 2019 Meeting was cancelled.

Chairman Lucas adjourned the meeting.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2019: October 16, November 19, and December 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary