

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Captain Eric Walker, Chair
Michael Ryan, Vice Chair
Violet Poe
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals
Lt. Brad Wolfe
Dr. Chris Tsavatewa
Sam Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earnest Queen, Facilities Management
Tom Ellington
Dave Oedel
Megan Chapman, Health Department
Stephanie Hyman, Health Department
Alexa Rodríguez, 41 WMGT
Kristen Swilley, 13 WMAZ

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nigel Floyd

The meeting was called to order by Captain Eric Walker, Chair.

Education Subcommittee:

Chris Tsavatewa presented the committee with Safe Routes to School Walkability Study, The New York City Pedestrian Safety Study & Action Plan and Road Safety Audit and Guidelines. He suggested the following action plan to use as a roadmap for the Board:

Engineering
Enforcement
Public Communication
Policy & Legislation
Interagency Coordination and Cooperation

He also suggested using AARP and the Age Friendly Community in identifying problem locations and utilizing the elderly as a resource for assessments.

He reported that the Health Department has not heard from the State grant to support education initiatives aimed at reducing pedestrian fatalities.

Commissioner Elaine Lucas suggested that the Board sponsor a children health and safety fair to possibly tie in with Halloween. Captain Walker advised that the Sheriff Department already incorporate Halloween safety in the outreach programs with the schools and recreation department.

Michael Ryan stressed the need for strict enforcement of the laws of the road by the Sheriff Department to make it safer for general public, cyclists and pedestrians.

Pedestrian Safety Audit Subcommittee:

Rob Ryals advised that he met with Georgia Power regarding a cost analysis on implementing better lighting to increase pedestrian visibility and safety on Jeffersonville Road.

Commissioner Lucas reported that the Macon-Bibb Commissioners will vote tonight on a lighting management services agreement with Philips Lighting to bring consistency among what types of lights are installed throughout Bibb County.

The Board traveled to the intersection of Pio Nono Avenue and Carroll Street where a pedestrian was killed on August 23, 2015. Captain Eric Walker discussed with the Board what the Sheriff Department look for in their investigation following a fatality such as condition of the road, weather conditions, lighting conditions, and the condition of the driver and pedestrian. The Board also traveled to the 3300 block of Pio Nono Avenue where another pedestrian was killed on June 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce R. Humphrey
Recording Secretary