

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, Chair
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Nigel Floyd, Traffic Engineer
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Joe Allen, MBC Health Dept.
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Sam Henderson, Director, MBC Small
Business Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Holly Wharton, Middle Georgia Regional
Commission
Tom Ellington, Vision Zero Liaison
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for
Collaborative Journalism
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ron Wildman, Citizen
David Gowan, Bibb County School District
Charise Stephens, Georgia Wellness &
Fitness Festival
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Lieutenant Scot Davis, BCSO
Rachel Umana, Bike Walk Macon, Vice Chair

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Joe Allen, seconded by Mr. Nigel Floyd and passed unanimously, the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Meeting were approved.

Chairman Brown amended the agenda to add an update on Grant Funding under New Business.

Policy and Legislation

Vice Chair Umana informed Chairman Brown prior to the meeting she did not have any updates regarding Policy and Legislation. Commissioner Elaine Lucas updated board members regarding legislation passed by the Board of Health to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Engineering

Mr. Floyd gave an update regarding crosswalks on Ell Street. Mr. Floyd briefed board members regarding a presentation given at the ITE Georgia Webinar on the Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication

No Report

Interagency Coordination

No report

Census Update – Janice Ross

Commissioner Lucas informed board members that the 2020 Census Participation Rate for Macon-Bibb County was 49.1%. Board Members were advised this was below smaller surrounding counties. Commissioner Lucas stated enumerators would start visiting citizens soon with modifications to ensure safety.

Vision Zero Update

Mr. Bob Dallas gave an update regarding the Vision Zero Action Plan. He stated that a decision had not been made regarding creating and funding a position for a Vision Zero Safety Coordinator. Board Members were informed that funding for infrastructure and Vision Zero Program Implementation has not been finalized.

Mr. Dallas shared information regarding changes to the decision-making process in setting speed limits which will be implemented soon. Mr. Dallas asked Commissioners Lucas and Allen for feedback after they review the draft Vision Zero Work Plan. After feedback from Commissioners Allen and Lucas, the plan will be reviewed by the PSRB before presentation to the Macon-Bibb County Commission.

Grant Funding Update – Sam Henderson

Mr. Sam Henderson stated approximately \$23,900 was available in grant funding and fund reporting was in the process of being updated. He stated a press release was sent to the Governor's Office regarding issuance of funds. Mr. Henderson reviewed the intended use of grant funds, the goals and new activities and uses not listed on the initial application can be added.

Mr. Henderson advised board members regarding the continuance of Pedestrian Safety and Education Activities. New activities included attendance by a representative to five local community-related organization meetings during FY 20 to discuss PSRB goals and initiatives, attendance to six Georgia Office of Highway Safety Task Meetings. Continued activities/uses included the Alive Beyond 92 Pilot Program with a goal of reaching a minimum of 3,205 students, recruitment of 5 to 18 students to serve as ambassadors, installation of billboards for pedestrian safety education and purchasing flashing armbands. Board members also discussed distributing armbands, purchasing masks and other PPE to maintain safety.

Commissioner Lucas informed board members that Mr. Henderson was appointed to oversee grant funding and reporting which was previously managed by Ms. Charise Stephens. Mr. Henderson advised that maintaining records of outreach efforts and reporting accurately thus information will ensure availability of grant funding.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates: August 18, 2020; September 15, 2020; October 20, 2020; November 17, 2020; and December 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary