

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2022
GOVERNMENT CENTER
10:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Greg Brown, Chair, MBC Planning and Zoning
Ron Wildman, Citizen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs
Henry Ficklin, MBC Executive Director of Community Affairs
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

Board Members Absent:

Major Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Lieutenant Scott Davis, BCSO
Molly Wilkins, Citizen
Rachel Hollar Umana, Vice Chair, Bike Walk Macon
David Gowan, Bibb County School District

Others Present:

Janet Birmingham Parker, Admin. Assistant
Adrianna Beavers, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Kevin Poss, MBC Facilities Management
David Lane, Middle GA Regional Commission
Laura Corley, Mercer University CCJ
Shaelin Calder Denny, Guest
Kori McDaniels, Mom of Shaelin Denny and Guest

Non-Members Absent:

Brandilyn Jackson, MBC Health Department
Jimmee Smith, MBC Health Department
Bob Dallas, Consultant via Zoom

Call To Order

Chairman Greg Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Pending corrections, the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

Personal Privilege

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, introduced Shaelin Denny and her mom, Kori McDaniels, as special guest to the Pedestrian Review Board. Shaelin Denny is a part of 4H and Girl Scouts. As part of her Girl Scouts Program, she is working to earn a badge in community service. This entails being part of something important in the community and assist in making changes to help make the community better.

Policy and Legislation

No Report

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Engineering

Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer, stated on July 14, 2022 there was a meeting of the Complete Streets committee what the goal of the meeting was to establish a meeting time and purpose. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Elaine Lucas spoke of road reports and the documentation which determines the stages the roads are which determine the paving schedule. She further added some SPLOST funds will cover a portion of the roads being resurfaced.

Myrtle Habersham, AARP, expressed great concerns for pedestrians who are crossing in between cars especially those with children. Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management, continued by saying these situations could generate the statistics presented as part of the next Public Safety Announcement (PSA).

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, shared information regarding the outreach program to drivers. This program gives drivers a better understanding regarding safety of others. Drivers and youth PSAs are very much needed. There have been numerous requests for more back to school bashes, including one being held at Real Life Church on July 23, 2022. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Commissioner Lucas updated the Board in regard to Cox Communication not being required to air Public Access channels with PSAs due to changes in the federal regulations. Recommendations may need to be made in attempt to get back the Public Access channels.

Ms. Stephen stated the need to still complete walking audits for areas on Houston Avenue, Pio Nono, Gray Highway, and Eisenhower Parkway. The end dates for walking audits was extended for another two weeks. Nigel Floyd spoke of Road Safety Audits that can provide feedback for some of the areas needed.

On motion of Dr. Ficklin, seconded of Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the request for the commission to hire individuals to complete walking audits.

Rob Ryals stated opportunities are available at the Georgia Department Of Transportation (GDOT) partnering with Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB) to have the \$500,000 increased to a \$3,000,000 grant. The likelihood of getting the grant is possible because of the Action Plan that was created by PSRB.

On motion of Dr. Ficklin, seconded Nigel Floyd and carried unanimously, the request to hold \$500,000 as matching funds for Complete Streets Grant was approved.

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Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, stated a date for Homelessness Awareness needed to be set.

Interagency Coordination

Commissioner Lucas stated David Gowan, Bibb County School District, is continuing to work on every opportunity and involvement with the Board of Health.

Vision Zero

Mr. Brown received an email from Bob Dallas, Consultant, who spoke with GDOT on the Safety Transportation Manager position and is awaiting comments on the last draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Board discussed the automated speed enforcement. The PSRB will review the following locations:

- Anthony Road at Ballard Hudson
- Williamson Road at Southwest Highschool
- Heath Road at Weaver Middle and Westside Highschool
- Howard High and Howard Middle School
- Northeast Highschool

Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Future meetings will be held in 2022:

- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Birmingham Parker

Administrative Assistant

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