

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

July 18, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Hollar, Bike Walk Macon
Bob Dallas, Vision Zero
Kaye Cleveland, Clerk of Commission
Charise Stephens, Georgia Wellness & Fitness
Festival

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Major Eric Walker, BCSO
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Captain Brad Wolfe, BCSO
Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Rob Ryals, MBC Facilities Management
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Michael Ryan, Citizen
Myrtle Habersham, AARP

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

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, approval of the June 18, 2019 Minutes will be deferred to the August Meeting.

Policy and Legislation

Chairman Lucas opened discussion regarding board vacancies and pending legislation with respect to the "Complete Streets" Policy. The Board was advised Commissioner Lucas is working with the County Attorney to draft legislation to add member to the Board.

Mr. Bob Dallas further discussed the proposed Complete Streets Policy. Commissioner Lucas asked Mr. Dallas and Ms. Hollar to present legislation to the Board regarding the Complete Streets Policy. The Board will review said legislation at the August Meeting.

Engineering

Mr. David Gowan gave an update regarding the new Health Department Facility on Forsyth Street. The bus stop will be relocated to accommodate pedestrians. Said bus stop will be located at the front door of the building. The Board was advised the street was owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation and any traffic calming will have to be approved by them. The parking of the Health Department will be reconstructed to make said necessary changes to enhance pedestrian safety.

Enforcement

No Report

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

As a part of the Alive “Beyond 92” pilot project, a PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” (POTM) community-related activity was held on Wednesday, June 19th for the residents of McAfee Towers (Macon Housing Authority) who were also participating in the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank Distribution. During the activity, Deputy Chief Stephanie Prater and Officer Terry Thomas of the Bibb County School District (BCSD) Campus Police Department and Ms. Poe provided pedestrian safety education to fifty-four (54) residents and two (2) guests. POTM education cards and phantom flash armbands were distributed to the residents and guests, and six (6) members of the Citizens on Patrol served as volunteers during the event.

Two (2) Open Records request were submitted by Avery Braxton of 13WMAZ News to Ms. Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission. The first request was submitted on Friday, June 21st for the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board’s monthly board minutes for the past year, and the second request was submitted on Thursday, June 28th for the use of funding over the past year by the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board.

As a part of the Alive “Beyond 92” pilot project, the final “CROSS THE WALK” (CTW) Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign follow-up presentation, activities, and the distribution of phantom flash armbands were provided to the summer campers at the Frank Johnson Recreation Center on Tuesday, July 2nd by Ms. Poe. For the fourth (4th) year in a row, the presentations by the BCSD Campus Police Department in conjunction with the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board have provided over 500 campers, ages 5-15 with valuable pedestrian safety information and education during the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department’s Summer Camp.

Ms. Poe held a meeting with Capt. Brad Wolfe of the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office to share concerns regarding the Wednesday, June 12th news reporting by Ms. Jayla Whitfield, Reporter of FOX24 News. During Ms. Whitfield’s report entitled, Victims’ families hope Bibb leaders will make Macon safer for pedestrians, the number of pedestrian fatalities (2018 and halfway 2019) during the news cast were extremely high. Capt. Wolfe concurred with Ms. Poe’s concerns and agreed to follow-up with Ms. Whitfield to explain in detail the data on the document she received from her Open Records Request to the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office.

A PEDESTRIAN “On the Move” community-related organization meeting was held on Tuesday, July 16th for the residents and staff of St. Paul Apartments. One hour before the meeting, Ms. Poe placed reflector strips on the walkers, canes, and wheelchairs of 25 residents, to assist

them with being seen by drivers, as they walk throughout Macon-Bibb County during the evening and night hours. During the organization meeting, Ms. Poe provided pedestrian safety education and Lt. Scott Davis of the Bibb County Sheriff's Department provided personal, traffic, and pedestrian safety education to the residents and staff in attendance. Thirty (30) education cards and phantom flash armbands were distributed during this POTM activity.

Interagency Coordination

Mr. Gowan informed the Board Commissioner Joe Allen was voted to be the new Health Department Representative for the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. Commissioner Lucas informed the Board legislation will be drafted appointing Commissioner Allen to the Board as the representative for the Health Department.

Vision Zero Components

Mr. Dallas presented in depth information regarding the components of strong Vision Zero Commitment and differentiation of the Vision Zero Program from the traditional traffic safety approach in US Communities.

Vision Zero Summit Update

Interim Chair Lucas opened discussion regarding the upcoming Vision Zero Summit. Mr. Greg Brown, MBC Planning & Zoning, will lead said event. A tentative date was set for October 9, 2019.

Chairman Lucas adjourned the meeting.

Future meetings will be held on the following dates in 2019: August 20, September 17, October 9, and October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary