

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

July 18, 2017

10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ryan, Chairman
Elaine Lucas, Commissioner
Violet Poe, Citizen Member
David Gowan, BOE Risk Management
Nigel Floyd, MBC Traffic Engineer
Bessie Brown, Pilot International
Rob Ryals, Facilities Management
Myrtle Habersham, AARP
Tom Ellington, Professor, Wesleyan College

OTHERS PRESENT (cont'd):

Beverlyn Ming, Health Department
Stephanie Hyman, Health Department

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Henderson, Mayor's Representative
Kimberly Lowe, Middle GA Regional Comm.
Captain Brad Wolfe, MBSO
Chris Tsavatewa, Co-Chairman
Brad Belo, MBC P&Z Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gregory Brown, MBC P&Z
Kevin Poss, Facilities Management
Brittany Bullock, Middle GA Regional Comm.
Camille Watson, Health Department
David Pilgrem, AARP
Kaye Cleveland, Admin. Asst. to Clerk of the
Commission

Approval of June 20, 2017 Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nigel Floyd, seconded by Mr. Rob Ryals and passed unanimously, the minutes were approved as amended to change Thomaston Road to Eisenhower Pkwy/Fulton Mill Road.

Policy and Legislation

No report

Engineering

Mr. Floyd informed the group installation of bike lanes on Montpelier Ave was complete. The Board was briefed said bike lanes were utilized properly. Mr. Floyd notified the group he had a meeting with the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association regarding pedestrian safety concerns in East Macon. Items listed on the Eastside Pedestrian Safety Plans were discussed at the meeting. Mr. Floyd advised the Board and the citizens the Engineering Department could not address all citizen concerns and the department was immediately addressing issues that could be resolved quickly. Issues could not be addressed by Engineering were referred to other departments.

Mr. Kevin Poss apprised the Board of a meeting with a member of the Public Works Department. The group was notified handicap ramps and crosswalks will be installed along Anthony Road/Ingram Pye.

Mr. Bessie Brown opened discussion regarding the concerns of the Walnut Creek Neighborhood association. Topics of discussion were speed limit reduction on Upper River Road, addition of crosswalks and traffic calming. On motion by Mr. Tom Ellington, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and passed unanimously, the Board will endorse recommendations made by

Commissioner Elaine Lucas and Mr. Floyd with respect to pedestrian safety improvements along Upper River Road/Northeast High School and surrounding areas.

Mr. Floyd advised the Board regarding speed bumps at Pendleton Homes. Mr. Floyd spoke with Ms. Frankie Lewis regarding the matter. The group was informed speed bumps would be installed soon.

Enforcement

No report

Public Communication – Ms. Violet Poe

The vinyl, movable billboard for the month of July is located on Pio Nono Avenue, in the parking lot of Water Wizard Car Wash, near Pio Nono Avenue and Spencer Circle. Monthly Public Service Announcements are still on the air and rotating on three of the iHeartMedia radio stations, and the window wraps are still displaying the campaign message on two of the MTA Para-Transit buses.

PEDORA was invited to the Lundy Wonderland Day Camp at Lundy Chapel Baptist Church on Thursday, June 29th, to promote pedestrian safety and encourage the students to utilize the GOHS pedestrian safety tips during their summer vacation and beyond. The presentation was well received by the 56 campers and 8 volunteers. A special thanks to Greg Brown, MBC Planning and Zoning, and Camp Director Mayah Williams for coordinating the PEDORA's visit.

The Pedestrian "On the Move" application is still under Administrative Review by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Notification was received on Thursday, July 13th from Jessica Driver of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to make modifications to the Pedestrian "On the Move" FY18 application. The modification included: Replacing Regina Sweeney with Marlon Baldwin, Budget/Grants Analyst to serve as the Agency Staff Member for the application. An updated Certification and Signatures Page will be mailed via Priority Mail to the GOHS to reflect this change.

Andy Stroud of MTA has been in contact with Ms. Mason regarding her request for the installation of a bus shelter in the Upper River Road area. This request is in the works, and if the location site is approved, Mike Lewis of The Sign Store will be responsible for installing the shelter.

Chairman Michael Ryan and Ms. Poe attended a meeting on Friday, July 14th with Elbert McQueen, Senior Vice President of Post-Acute Services and Carol Babcock of Navicent Health to seek their expertise and discuss a partnership for the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board's Pedestrian Survivor and Fatality Support Group. Further discussions and the details of the works of the support group will be forthcoming. The tentative month to hold the first support group meeting is January 2018.

Dr. James Bumpus, liaison from the Mayor's Office is interested in the Macon-Bibb County Council of Clergy serving as a partner to offer support to the survivors and families of the support group.

Charles Coney, Interim County Manager informed me on Monday, July 17th the installation cost for a phone line to be placed in the Office of the Clerk of Commissioners for use by the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board, will need to come from the board's budget.

Interagency Communication

Ms. Stephanie Hyman presented flyers for the Pedestrian Safety Summit. The group was advised the agenda was being finalized. The Summit will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Macon-Bibb County Government Center. The Board came to a consensus the Pedestrian Safety Summit will replace the August 2017 meeting.

Other Matters

Mr. Floyd opened discussion regarding a previous meeting he had with Eastside Neighborhood Association. The Board was advised the Association would like a certain part of Kitchens St to be put on the repaving list. Mr. Floyd informed the group he discussed adding the road to the 2018 paving list with David Fortson. Other suggestions were the repairing of a damaged guard rail at the end of Kitchens St and Highland Circle; traffic signal issues at Kitchens St and Shurling Dr.; and large trucks parking in residential areas and roads. The group was advised a field trip to areas of pedestrian safety concerns in East Macon was not necessary.

Mr. Floyd briefed the group a field trip was necessary to observe previous accomplishments and successes of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. Commissioner continued said discussion. On motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mr. Ellington, there will be a field trip to observe the accomplishments and successes of the Board in September 2017.

Chairman Ryan held an election for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board. Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. Ellington as Chairperson. On motion by Chairman Ryan, seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously, Mr. Ellington was elected Chairperson of the Pedestrian Safety Review Board for the next year. On motion by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Ellington, Ms. Brown was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ryan.

The next meeting will be a field trip held on September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary