

Starkville in Motion  
Minutes  
October 10, 2005

1. The University Drive bike lane is fully operational! The ribbon cutting ceremony was a success and earned us some good press. (Thanks GSDP!)
2. We have 77 members and \$800.00 in our account, with an outstanding invoice for a bike rack.
3. Officers and call for New Chairs. The slate of officers was introduced. The current leadership team proposed the following slate:

Jimmy Richardson-President  
Chris Cospers-Vice President  
Devon Brenner-Secretary  
Charlotte Fuquay-Treasurer  
Kathy Jacobs-Outreach  
Lois-Chair of Safe Routes to School/Board  
Robert McMillen-Chair of Bike Racks/Board  
Matt Cox-Board  
Patrik Nordin-Board  
Ron Cossman-Chair of Lynn Lane

The floor was opened for additional nominations; none were proposed. If anyone would like to nominate someone else or to volunteer for one of these jobs, that would be welcome. Just email any nominations to Devon within the next few weeks.

**In addition, two committees need chairs:** The first is high priority for SIM--Hospital Road--developing a plan for foot (and possibly bike) traffic along Hospital Road. This is a high needs project that would greatly serve the community. We have all seen people walking along Hospital Road, and even motorized wheel chairs traveling in the street. As the medical complex there increases, foot traffic is also expected to increase. The second need is for a chair to take over Rails to/with Trails--exploring this project, collaborating with Clay County, etc. If anyone is interested in either of these projects, please contact Devon or Chris.

4. Rotary. Jimmy presented to the Rotary Club on October the 3rd. This was a very positive meeting which resulted in the donation of another bike rack. The radio station 106.1 also reached out to the committee--they invited Jimmy to talk with the program director, which resulted in several PSAs that will be run on the station, and invited the outreach and education committee to submit future PSAs by fax. Jimmy suggests that we continue to contact and speak to as many civic groups as possible.

5. Comprehensive Plan. Chris presented the latest version of the comprehensive plan, which will continue to be tinkered with. Robert suggested contacting the university about the end of the new bike path they are building, which will connect to the existing bike path, past Ruby Hall, to 182/the research park. Robert suggests that they incorporate some way to reach the button for the stoplight without crossing through 10 feet of wet grass. Jimmy will look into this. (Right Jimmy??)

6. Grants/Lynn Lane. Ron Cossman spoke about grants. He's been in contact recently with Jackson, and has more information about grant writing, and will soon be contacting committee chairs about preparing sections of grant proposals. Lynn Lane is also working on creating maps of the project as a basis for obtaining cost estimates.

7. Safe Routes to School. Lois and Carol met with the Starkville School Board about the North South route. They gave a presentation but did not get much feedback. However, some members appeared excited, and have contacted SIM members since then with their enthusiasm for the project. The School Board is interested in specific details of the plan as they are developed.

8. Bike Racks. Robert will install the library bike rack as soon as his broken collar bone heals, and is working with a donor to find a location for another donated rack. The committee is still working on a way to make signs for bike racks, and is exploring ideas for creating engraved wooden signs. Anyone good with tools who might have ideas for this is encouraged to contact Robert at [robert.mcmillen@ssrc.msstate.edu](mailto:robert.mcmillen@ssrc.msstate.edu).

9. Outreach and Education. Kathy reported that the Outreach and Education and the University Drive committees are working on educating the public on using the new bike lane safely. These include PSAs on the campus radio and 106.1, as well as other stations. Patrik has created TV spots that are running on the University Network, these are playing at the Sanderson, the Union, and even on some cable stations. The committee's also created posters and brochures to be displayed along the route. There are still some people parking in the bike lanes, but hopefully these education efforts and enforcement will help that.