

Monday November 10, 2008

Treasurer's Report

We have \$3,000 in the account but \$1,600 is committed to McKee Park and the Arts Walk. As our finances grow more complicated, we may need an accountant. If anyone is or knows a sidewalk and bike lane friendly accountant, let us know.

Membership Report

There are 150 members in the data base. There are 223 members signed up on the Google Groups List Serv. There are about a dozen paid members. Most of us haven't paid our dues. Watch for a membership/dues paying campaign in January. Remember that you can elect either an annual or lifetime membership. Annual memberships are renewable every January no matter when you first joined SIM. Having a foundation/cushion in our treasury ensures that SIM is able to respond to crises and last minute needs. Kathy Jacobs is going to look into opening a PayPal account so people can pay dues and join SIM online.

Election

The slate of officers was unanimously elected including:

Devon Brenner, President

Joe Fratesi, Vice President

Devon Brenner, Secretary (I don't typing up the minutes and maintaining the email listserv)

Charlotte Fuquay, Treasurer

Kate Fabel, Membership Officer

Jan Morgan, Outreach Officer (Kate and Jan will work together on membership and outreach as co-chairs)

Patrik Nordin, Ron Cossman, Richard Corey, Matt Cox, and Hamp Beatty—
Board

Robbie Ward—Public Relations

Lois Connington—SRTS chair

Jim Gafford—Sidewalk Committee Chair

Ron Cossman—Lynn Lane Committee Chair

Website

Thanks to Kathy Jacobs for continuing to maintain our website. Many new updates are there, so visit www.starkvilleinmotion.org.

Christmas Parade

Watch for a separate email about marching in the email parade

T-Shirts

We've got many new, white t-shirts. Just as soon as Devon gets around to it, they'll be offered for sale at Boardtown Bikes, as well as at many regular SIM events. New member Steven Sharp offered to help mail t-shirts if people order them online if/when we get a PayPal account.

IMBA Trail Care Crew and Ride Reminder

The Trail Care Crew will be at the Nox Ridge trails this weekend. The crew will assess the trails, make recommendations for improvements, hold meetings with interested volunteer groups and conduct a workshop for volunteer trail builders on how to create sustainable bike and hiking trails. The workshop will consist of a classroom session on Saturday morning (22nd) followed by a hands on trail building session in the afternoon. Other weekend activities include a Dutch treat dinner with the crew on Friday evening in Louisville, a cookout/party at the South Trailhead on Saturday evening and finally a group ride/run/hike on Sunday morning. A primitive group camp site will be set up at the South Trailhead as well. Any interested persons are invited and welcome to join in any or all of the activities. For more information about this event contact Charlotte Fuquay at cfuquay@hotmail.com.

Lynn Lane Update

An ad-hoc committee has been formed to consider the city's match. The committee includes 3 aldermen, SIM representatives, and others. In the meantime, all expenditures have been halted, and the outreach campaign coordinator has been put on hiatus. Two student groups from communications have been working all semester to develop education campaigns targeting students, and Ron is seeking ways to fund their promised prize for this competition now that the city is no longer authorizing Lynn Lane related expenditures. The students will present their projects the first week of December. Watch for an announcement.

Sidewalk Committee Report

The committee has many things in the works, including considering sidewalk legislation, publicizing our top ten to more media outlets (we'll ask Robbie Ward for help on this) and following up on the 182 beautification project. Jim Gafford's continuing to lead these efforts.

Arts Walk Report

Kathy Jacobs continues to work with downtown business, artists, and MSU to develop the kick-off for our arts walking tour brochure. The date has been set. April 25th will be an opportunity to walk the route laid out in the map, and to visit with local artists. The

Cre8tive Warehouse is now partnering and my have live music for the event. Kathy will need help with this so watch for more info in the spring.

Safe Routes to School

The original walk to school day was postponed because of rain and rescheduled for last Thursday the 14th. The event was a huge success with many kids walking and lots of community participation. Adrienne is continuing to coordinate the outreach efforts including doing surveys of parents and tallies of how kids come to school.

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Wheel-a-Thon Update

Kate Fabel met with Parks and Rec about how to spend the \$700 raised at the Wheel-a-Thon. This amount is too small for any real equipment or even sidewalk upgrades, but the Parks and Rec commission has made some requests. This is a collaboration with 52 Moms so they also get a say in how this money is spent. Partial funding of swings is under consideration. Kate will keep us posted.

Next Meeting

No meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Monday January 12th at 6:30 PM in Bost Extension B.