

Bicycle (and People) Paths Meeting
6:30 p.m., Nov. 9, 2004
Comfort Suites, Starkville, MS
Minutes

1. The meeting began at 6:30.p.m. Mr. Robert Vernon of the National Parks Service started by explaining to the group his role in our endeavors. He can provide technical assistance, which means advising, presenting information to government groups, assisting with small groups appointed by our large group, bringing in an expert in some particular area, such as in laying out trails, etc. He can also assist in providing us sources of possible funding.
2. Kimberly Brown of the CARL Small Town Center gave a brief history of what her organization did in looking at paths for the Starkville Area. They researched what could be done with a path system in Starkville and what it could mean to the city and the local area. They looked at Rails with Trails, Safe Routes to Schools, Highway 82, Hospital Road, and Lynn Lane. Their website is: <http://smalltown.coa@msstate.edu>. Another one is bikestarkville.coa@msstate.edu.
3. Everyone introduced themselves and discussion ensued concerning our vision, goals, and strategy. Representatives of the Board of Aldermen (P.C. McLaurin and Lee Beck) were in attendance and addressed the group from the Board of Aldermen perspective. Representatives of the Leadership Program of the GSDP were in attendance and asked how they could assist the group. Sue Pitts of MDOT also was in attendance and indicated her interest in assisting us.
4. After discussion on various projects and methods, including funding, the group appointed a group of “officers” and charged them with the responsibility of meeting soon and deciding upon a name for the group, deciding which office the various members of the appointed group should hold, and deciding upon the next course of action for the large group. That small group consists of Jimmy Richardson, Chris Cosper, Josh Atchley, Devon Brenner, Lois Connington, Billy Doughty, Matt Cox, and Kathy Jacobs. Mr. P.C. McLaurin volunteered to work with the leadership group from GSDP, to be the liaison.
5. The appointed group met briefly after the meeting adjourned and scheduled a meeting for 7:00 a.m., Friday, November 12, at City Bagel. The group will report via email the results of their meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned about 8:20 p.m.
7. There were 25 people in attendance at the meeting. The sign-in sheets are in a file which Jimmy Richardson has. Several sent messages indicating they had prior appointments for Tuesday and could not attend, but very much wanted to be involved with this project. They are on the email list and will receive these minutes and I (Jimmy)

advise them to sent me any input they desire. We want and need the involvement of as many people as possible.

8. After the small group meets and reports back we will have some idea of another meeting time for the large group, plus ideas for projects on which we need to begin working.

9. The idea of collecting some finances to begin work on a project was not acted upon. The small group will address this issue.