

On January 14, 2008 SIM held its first monthly meeting for 2008, this was a business meeting to regroup and plan for the 2008 year following the holiday break.

22 members in attendance
Joe Fratesi served as moderator

Committee Reports

Lynn Lane (Ron)
Engineering phase is currently underway
Sherwood commons issue has still not been resolved
We will need to get started on outreach and education soon.

SOAR grant (Ron)
SIM did not receive the SOAR grant we applied for, the premise for not being selected was that we do not have existing infrastructure to warrant the need for these bike racks, but once we get some more projects behind us (Lynn Lane, Safe Routes round 1) are chances will improve immensely.

Safe Routes (Lois)
Deadline for continued funding has been moved to October, but we need to get going on round 1 first. Surveys have gone out, some came back and are currently being tallied. Pritchett engineering has been selected to implement the Safe Routes phase I.

Outreach and education (Kate)
We will need to submit a budget to the city with recommendations on how to spend the money allotted for Safe Routes and Lynn Lane. Bulldogs in Motion started on Jan 23 and it currently underway. Volunteers may be needed to help out with some activities, stay posted for details.
SIM is also working to contact someone with campus TV and radio to get some public service announcements into rotation.

Advocacy ride (Ryan)
So far, rider interest is not terribly high, but Dean White is responsive to the idea. Robbie Ward has suggested a bicycle festival. We could print and distribute fliers for this on campus if we collaborate with bulldog cycling. Ryan is open for suggestions on this topic and invites your feedback.

Starkville Cup (Grant)
As of December the LAMBRA schedule appears to be full until mothers day, this would have us holding a race with no students in Starkville. We are currently on hold for the Starkville Cup and will have news to report at the February meeting. The Rock Crusher classic will be held on May 18, 2008 for those interested contact Charlotte Fuquay.

Treasurer we have \$1000 in the bank.