

Minutes
Starkville In Motion
March 13, 2006

1. The Lynn Lane committee (Thanks Ron and Joe) has met with public officials individually. The committee will appear before the Board of Aldermen on March 21st to make a formal announcement and seek the Board's input on the grant proposal. All SIM members are invited to join us at the Aldermen meeting. Kathy will prepare some stickers for us to wear so that we look like a cohesive group. Devon met with the Board of the Boys and Girls club and they are supportive of the project. A public form on the Lynn Lane project will be held in early April. Watch for announcements.
2. The Sidewalk Committee has been meeting with Bill Webb to develop a priority list. Based on its ADA Compliance Survey, the city will consider allocating some money from next year's budget to sidewalk maintenance and repair. The ball is rolling on improving the quality of existing sidewalks in Starkville. The Committee is preparing a PowerPoint to highlight needs and priorities in terms of sidewalks, and will likely share that slide show at our next SIM meeting.
3. This may be a very good time to work on Rails With (or to) Trails. Sever Core (a new industry coming to town) will increase rail traffic, and there may be a push to reroute the rail tracks from the middle of the city to outside the city. If this happens that corridor will be empty.
4. Safe Routes to School met with Ron to discuss the grant preparation process. We are looking at a fall deadline for a SRS grant proposal. Jay brought a short proposal he's developed about why and how to develop safe routes to school, and then many people stayed to discuss a large map of the city and propose main routes and branches to connect schools to neighborhoods.