

Starkville in Motion Minutes

April 13, 2009

Next meeting, May 11, 5:30 PM, Bost Extension Center, Building B, will include a report from the developers of the Cotton Mills development about bike and sidewalk connectivity.

PR Plan Report

The winning team presented their plan for educating students and the MSU community about safe walking, cycling, and driving and the Lynn Lane path. The plan has many strong components including focusing on social networking to reach students, working with police to ensure consistent enforcement of laws between the city and campus, a walk or 5k right on the path when it's built, and branding the emerging sidewalk/path system. Some concerns about the SAT logo were raised.

Lynn Lane Engineering

A few alternative designs for the Lynn Lane project were proposed to the Board of Aldermen by the Engineers. Given constraints of right-of-way and the economy, among other factors, the Board opted for a design that goes from McKee Park to the corner of Montgomery and Locksley Way instead of all the way onto campus. A strength is that this design will be made of concrete, which lasts 40-50 years, instead of asphalt, which only lasts about 5 years. SIM, the city, and the university will look for additional funding to complete the route. Also, the city, with SIM, applied for a \$100,000 Parks and Recreation grant. We were not awarded this grant.

Sidewalk Committee

The sidewalk committee has developed a proposal for a sidewalk ordinance. The first public hearing on this ordinance will be next Tuesday. We will need as many people as possible to attend the BoA meeting.

Arts Walk

The Arts Walk brochures are being printed. The celebratory kick-off event is coming up on April 25th. Watch for more details. Volunteers are needed. Email Kathy at kathy@kathyjacobs.com.

Walk to School Day is April 22nd. Volunteer if you can.

The SIM 5-year plan, a planning document that lays out our vision for the future, is attached.

Events

An overwhelming number of events are planned in the next few weeks, watch for individual announcements. Visit starkvilleinmotion.org for a complete listing and more details.

