

Starkville in Motion April Minutes

May 20th Mountain Bike Race

The Rock Crusher Classic is a mountain bike race in the Noxubee National Forest on Sunday May 20th. Charlotte (cfuquay@hotmail.com) has more info, registration etc. She may also need course monitors etc. Watch for an email, come watch the race, come race.

Safe Routes to School

Grant seems to have made it through round 1 of reviews. We should hear this summer. Cookie Leffler will be in town this Friday, we may meet with her to learn more. Devon met with the Starkville PTA executive council to tell them more and answer questions--all were very very supportive of SRTS and helping find more ways for kids to walk to school. They will be good allies when we get the grant.

Robert Wood Johnson grant

Ron, Michael Hall from the Health Promotion program will meet with Phil Burchfield of Starkville Schools about a grant to do health promotion programs in the schools. Watch for updates.

Mayor's Cup Bike Race

On behalf of Robert, Ron presented 4 possible routes, we discussed pros and cons and desires as a committee, then recommending meeting with the mayor and police chief with the alternatives for their input and feedback.

Next Meeting

We will cancel the May meeting and instead meet on Monday April 23rd to hear from James Moore the president of Bike/Walk Mississippi who also has info on the Longleaf Trace and how that rails to trails project came about. More info soon.

Lynn Lane Outreach

Soon we'll need to have some plans for this. We will have money to hire help to promote the Lynn Lane project and to promote bike/walking safety. Ron is working with Dux D'lux a printing/advertising shop and they can maybe help us. We'll probably do some radio/TV psa's among other things.

Bike to Work Day

May is bike to work month and May 18th (a Friday) is Bike to Work Day, a national promotion. While many of us are willing to ride our bikes to work that day, no one present at the meeting jumped up to volunteer to organize an event. (SIM's hosted a bike to work day for the past two years). It would involve organizing--clearing the route with the police, promoting the event in the papers, getting the event covered by the media, perhaps having snacks at the end for a little socializing. If anyone would like to run this, please let us know.

Whitfield Drive

We looked at a drawing of the route by Bill Webb, city engineer. There's 100 feet of difficulty. We discussed options for this. The committee will work on building community support once Matt re-confers with Bill Webb.

Dues

You now have two membership options--annual (\$10 individual or \$20 family) or lifetime (\$50 individual, \$100 family). If you're not yet a member, think of joining. If you've not renewed in over a year, consider renewing. If you're sick of worrying about these reminders, become a lifetime member. We don't mind if you deduct recent membership dues from your lifetime membership fee. Go to www.starkvilleinmotion.org to download the membership form (which is being updated soon with current info) or mail to PO Box 3570, Mississippi State MS 39762.