

**Starkville in Motion  
General Membership Meeting 5/9/2005  
Minutes**

**Bike to Work Day:**

- Kathy described the event. Cyclists will convene at near the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church at 7:30 and ride to the front of the Union on campus.
- Media will be invited.
- More than 20 are signed up. To sign up, email Kathy at [jaco9865@bellsouth.net](mailto:jaco9865@bellsouth.net), or just join us!!
- Watch emails for more details.

**Business/Miscellaneous**

- 30 members and prospective members were present. See the coverage in the May 10 <http://www.djournal.com/pages/story.asp?ID=192938&pub=1&div=News>.
- Many brochures and flyers have been handed out, the city is interested in Starkville in Motion.
- Currently we have 41 official members and \$440 in the treasury.
- Richard Corey obtained the [www.starkvilleinmotion.org](http://www.starkvilleinmotion.org) domain name and we're now using it. Thanks Richard!!
- By-Laws: The By-Laws were unanimously adopted and can be found at our website, [www.starkvilleinmotion.org](http://www.starkvilleinmotion.org) under the "about us" tab. We added one amendment to the bylaws, stating that our projects would be not only in Starkville and Oktibbeha County, but in outlying areas as well.
- Susan Mulley, a landscape architecture professor, has a small grant to hire a student worker to hunt for grants that may fund several of our projects. This worker will work with Phyllis at GSDP and with Robert Vernon, the National Parks person who is providing technical assistance. She is also getting comprehensive bike/sidewalk plans that have been used in other cities successfully to serve as models.
- Our next meeting will be in June. Watch for details.

**Committee Reports**

**Education and Outreach, Kathy Jacobs and Charlotte Fuquay to chair**

- Newly formed committee
- Goals to educate the public, including educating the public on issues of pedestrian/bike safety, health issues, "rules of the road," reasons for our projects, etc.
- Will include reaching out to schools and the community
- Russell, Whitney, and others are working on a series of PSAs to both promote Bike to Work Day/Month and to educate on the rules of the road, will be aired on campus radio.
- Jimmy suggested the committee reach out to Police Chief David Linley, to see if an officer can become part of the committee.

**Lynn Lane, presented by Ron Cossman**

- The committee met with Phyllis Benson at the Greater Starkville Development Partnership to talk about grant writing. She will serve as a resource to help locate and write grants.
- Grants should include:
  - A statement of the problem and evidence of the problem such as letters from citizens, any data about accidents, usage, etc.

- A solution or plan—discuss the benefits
- A plan, including both a comprehensive plan for the whole city and a smaller plan for the specific project (i.e. Lynn Lane) as well as a cost estimate
- Discussion of the sustainability—who will maintain it?
- Tie grant proposals to greater plans, for example, it might be good to show long term plans that include a whole loop around the city so people can get all the way around.
- Present the plan as an alternative transportation vision
- Lynn Lane aims to have a draft of a grant proposal by mid/end of summer and to submit for funding by the fall.

#### **University Drive—Matt Cox**

- The committee has worked to think carefully about plans, their ideas have been relayed to the city, who is crating a map. The map will be used to talk to stakeholders along University Drive and to build consensus.
- Soon the committee will begin discussing the project at meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

#### **Bike Racks—Billy Doughty**

- Foodmax has promised \$300 toward a rack, which we will probably install.
- Several will be in downtown as renovations continue.
- Coldstone has committed to installing a bike rack.
- The Cotton District rack at Roxies is on order and will arrive soon.
- Devon asked if the racks will be “sponsorable,” if there is a way to put up plaques that announce a particular business sponsors a rack. Yes, they could.

#### **Safe Routes to School—Lois Connington**

- Working to collect data on addresses, where kids live, also survey data. Obtained permission from school board but waiting for IRB approval.
- Some discussion of the perception at the school board meeting that encouraging children to walk/ride to school may increase liability or risk. The committee will continue to address this either through programming (i.e. walking school bus, adult supervision) and through presentations to the School Board.

#### **Rails With Trails—Dan Irons**

- We have initiated communication with Kansas City Southern Railroad.
- The right of way is 50’ on either side of the track most places, 25’ between Louisville and Montgomery.
- It’s quite likely that a Rails with Trails could connect all the way to Noxubee Crest.
- Soon the committee will walk the rail bed to evaluate potential. Watch for emails.