

Starkville In Motion Minutes September 12, 2005

1. Moment of silence: In recognition of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina.
2. Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$788. We've spent \$468 on two racks. More will be spent soon on plaques. We have 50 memberships representing approximately 75 individuals, and even more names on our email list.
3. Trail Clearing: There will be a trail clearing and ride at Tombigbee National Forest this Saturday the 17th. See separate email. This is a collaboration with Bulldawg Cycling.
4. Bike Rack Committee: One bike rack's been installed, a second is awaiting the right home. The library has a spot, and we're awaiting delivery of that rack. Tim Lacy and others from MSU campus landscaping are doubling bike racks outside of several buildings, and many other new racks will be coming soon. A general increase in bike traffic to campus and around campus has been noted.
4. Lynn Lane Committee and update on federal/state grants: Lynn Lane committee is continuing the groundwork for a grant proposal. Ron Cossman shared information about the federal Highway Transportation grants--no new request for proposals is up on the website, but the old one can serve as a template. The hurricane is probably slowing things down in Jackson. Ron will soon be delegating some writing tasks to sub-committees, and different projects should expect to develop a budget and write a 2-3 page narrative describing the project. He's pulling from the city's comprehensive plan, the Small Town Center's report on transportation, and other courses to develop a justification and statement of need for our projects.
5. University Drive: A painting vender's been selected and work is scheduled within the next few weeks. Yay. Now this committee will work with education on how to be save on the newly painted lanes.
6. Education and Outreach: Will work with University Drive to educate drivers, walkers, cyclists, etc.
7. New idea: Ray Hayes suggested creating a system of bikes to be ridden on campus and asked SIM to help. See separate email.
8. Safe Routes to School: Lois Connington shared a draft of a powerpoint presentation, sharing details of a proposed North/South route linking several neighborhoods and schools, from the "hill" to the middle school to the high school all the way to Lynn Lane. She will be sharing this powerpoint with the School Board later this month. Lois met with Bill Webb about the route, and it looks as though there is public land and access which would make the route fairly

feasible. We'll need grants to build the entire project, which will be the next order of business.

9. Other: Carol Ball is a graduate student in Health Promotion, and she will work with SIM for course credit on a special project, helping to collect data and complete projects. (Thanks Carol!) Jimmy will present to the Rotary about Starkville in Motion later this month.

9. The meeting concluded with time for sub-committees to work together on their individual projects.