

Starkville in Motion Meeting minutes from Monday, February 11th, 2008

SIM held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Bost extension auditorium on Monday March 11, 2008. Attendance was above average (thanks to the students for attending). Charlotte gave the treasurer's report; we have \$1100 in the bank and 120 members.

Lynn Lane Update

Matt Cox gave an update on the progress of the Lynn Lane project, the contractors have been selected and the city is awaiting MDOT approval. The Sherwood commons issue will be resolved by the contractors and engineers as the Lynn Lane project gets underway.

Outreach

Kate Fabel gave us an overview of the work she has been doing on outreach, we have a budget created for outreach of Lynn Lane and was approved unanimously. We also have several upcoming opportunities to participate in activities affiliated with Bulldogs in Motion, contact Kate for details.

Grant Kirker volunteered to create outreach brochures to be distributed to students regarding biking walking opportunities in Starkville and how to safely go about doing this. He'll have these ready at the March meeting.

Safe Routes

Lois gave us an update on her ongoing work on SRTS, the deadline has been extended and we will be submitting a budget before the deadline this fall. The surveys Lois sent out several months back are back in and she is compiling the data.

*Richard Corey volunteered to create a facebook page for SIM and maintain it; this will give us a new angle on getting media out on the internet, particularly among students.

Sidewalk Committee

2008 is shaping up to be a big year for the sidewalks committee; we have renewed interest in sidewalks around Starkville. Matt Cox suggested that we try and prioritize out top ten sidewalk priorities for Starkville in 2008, we will report the results of this at the March meeting, which will be held on March 17, 2008 in Bost auditorium.

Starkville Cup

The Starkville Cup Criterium Race has been postponed; we have decided to put our efforts in getting some important projects underway in 2008. We plan on putting this race on one day, but for now we will be focusing our energies on the projects that we have already begun.

Additional Discussion points

We had several discussions that fall out of the scope of the above-listed headings. They are as follows:

The Jenny Jones foundation is providing \$25,000 grants each month this year to communities for people wishing to make improvements that will impact the greatest number of people. Ron has suggested this as a great opportunity for SIM to take on a small project for the city of Starkville. We will be discussing this further at the March meeting. Ideas and volunteers are needed. For details check out www.jennysheroes.com.

There have been several discussions involving trying to organize some sort of community event for the city of Starkville involving SIM and the community. If anyone has ideas or interest in volunteering, please contact Kate Fabel with your contact info. We will also be discussing this at the March meeting.

Ryan is still interested in organizing a bike to work day possibly for this spring. He has spoken with Dean White and he was receptive to the idea. We will keep everyone posted on this as well.

The sidewalk committee met on February 28, 2008 and we worked on compiling the top 10 list, which we will have ready at the March SIM meeting. We hope to see everyone at our next meeting March 17, 2008 at the Bost Extension, don't forget to wear some green.