

Starkville in Motion Minutes  
Monday May 12 2008

We have about 142 members and \$1800 in our account. The June meeting will be a potluck social instead of a regular meeting. Watch for announcements about date, time, and location.

Bike to Work Day is this Friday, May 16th, starting at 7:30 AM from the parking lot across from First United Methodist Church. Thanks to Michelle Jones for organizing this event. The Mayor and Aldermen declared May Bike Month. 15 people have promised to come on the Bike to Word Day facebook event.

If you're on Facebook, join the Starkville in Motion Facebook Group.

Kathy, Lois, and Kate have been working with the Starkville Area Arts Council to develop a brochure to promote an "arts walking tour" in and around the downtown area, along with the Central Starkville Neighborhood Foundation. Kathy's been designing the map of the tour and is finishing a proposal to the Starkville Area Arts Council for distribution of the brochure. Watch for a kick-off event in the fall.

Kate will be helping to organize some summer outreach events, including a program teaching bike safety at the Starkville Public Library with the summer reading program, and fall events such as Student Organization Fair.

Grant has designed a safety brochure, and Mike White and the Dean of Students' office have agreed to help us distribute this to new students, at orientation, through parking services, etc. Thanks Grant. Patrik will distribute copies through the Sanderson Center.

The Starkville Town and Country Garden Club has pledged \$5,000 to help with beautification and landscaping of Lynn Lane and Safe Routes to School paths. As the engineering is completed and plans wer made we will work with that group to identify needs and priorities. Ron encouraged us to make long term plans for shade over the non-shady stretches for summer cooling.

The Lynn Lane project cleared an important hurdle at MDOT, and review of the contract has moved to the next layer of approval. We'll want to do a census of walking and biking on this route before construction begins for a "before and after" comparison, including counts on Blackjack Road and closer to the West end of the route.

We're moving forward with the education portion of this project. The city will soon post the job for the campaign coordinator and will hopefully have someone hired by August. John Forde in communications and Mike Hall in Health Promotion are collaborating with us.

Matt Cox found that average speeds were about 5 miles over the limit on Critz road after an hour using the radar gun, slower than expected and slower than traffic seems when

you're on foot pushing a stroller. We need volunteers to take the radar gun to a variety of locations around the city to document traffic speeds so we can make recommendations for things like sidewalks, road narrowing/striping, and lower speed limits, etc., as needed.

The Sidewalk Committee has ranked the top ten sidewalk priorities. Watch for a big PR campaign in the fall. If you'd like to help document sidewalk needs, take some measurements, etc., contact Devon at [devon@ra.msstate.edu](mailto:devon@ra.msstate.edu).

We are likely to be able to collaborate with the Day One program again this fall. Devon, Patrik, and Jimmy will collaborate with the Day One coordinators to develop a plan for the service learning project for our team if we get one.

The Safe Routes to School education and encouragement portion of the grant is wending its way through the budget approval process at MDOT, and we're not sure if we'll be able to start spending that money this summer or in the fall. If we get approval in time, Lois and Caroline will work with local teachers to host safety camps for 4th-8th grade students.