

SIM Minutes, August, 2009

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14, at 5:30 PM in the Box Extension Center, Building B.

News and Updates

- We have about 67 paid members. You can now use PayPal to join SIM or donate from our website, starkvilleinmotion.org. If you haven't joined, please do so.
- SIM has been busy. SIM had a booth at the Starkville School District Community Health Fair, and a team of MSU students cleaned up streets in SIMs name for the MSU Service Dawgs program in August. The University Drive Bike Lane, and member Denis Nordin, were featured on the cover of the Smart Aging, Healthy Futures: Community Report for Oktibbeha County published by the Extension Service of MSU. Jimmy Richardson was featured for his recent cross country bike ride in the local papers. Jimmy will also represent SIM on the board of Green Starkville and the board of Bike/Walk Mississippi. Devon serves on the MSU ECO team. Go us!
- The Wheel-A-Thon will be held September 12. Kate Fabel is organizing with 52 Moms. Look for posters all around town. For a donation of 10 dollars, families can come and roll (bike, skate, wagon, stroller etc.) around J.L. King Park. Registration opens at 8:00 AM, roll out at 9:00 AM. Proceeds benefit the Starkville Public Library Children's Room. To help organize, hang flyers, or work that day, contact Kate at katya_fa...@yahoo.com
- The Lynn Lane Multi-Use Path continues to move forward in fits and spurts. The City is intent upon submitting a grant proposal during the next round of MDOT funding. To make the City more competitive in the next round we plan to have the project "shovel ready", in other words, all of the preliminary engineering will have been completed. At a future Board of Aldermen meeting the City Engineer will ask BoA authorization to spend the remaining funds that are already committed to the engineering.
- The SIM Sidewalk Committee continues to collaborate with the city's Sidewalk Committee and the city's Commission on Disability. Together, they are working to suggest appropriate places for striping of bike lanes, setting priorities for sidewalk development, etc. The SIM sidewalk committee needs members who will work on creating and publicizing an updated Top Ten Sidewalk Concerns list, among other projects.
- Safe Routes to School is in its last year. Engineering continues for infrastructure construction, and SRTS is working with the city to hire a new coordinator. Our team of Day One students from MSU will work with SRTS to design and implement a pilot walking school bus program this fall.

Ways to get involved:

- Help with the Wheel-a-Thon. Contact Kate at katya_fa...@yahoo.com
- Help Safe Routes to School with bike and pedestrian safety in the local schools, Walking School Buses, Walk to School Day, and more. Contact Lois Connington at lconning...@yahoo.com
- Help encourage local businesses to install bike racks. Contact Devon at de...@ra.msstate.edu.
- Help the sidewalk committee set priorities, find grants, publicize sidewalk concerns, and more. Contact Jim Gafford at gaff...@cavs.msstate.edu
- Help locate PSAs about sharing the road, bike safety, and pedestrian safety, and then get local media to put them on the air regularly. Contact Devon at de...@ra.msstate.edu.
- Help Ron with Lynn Lane, there'll be a bunch to do to write a new grant. Contact Ron at Ronald.Coss...@SSRC.MsState.Edu