

Bike Roswell! November 2008 Meeting

Held at Mellow Mushroom

November 12th, 2008

Present: Eric Broadwell, Manual Ramos, Mike Burns, Frank Eastland, Steve Acenbrak, Chuck Crider, Warren Taninbaum, Charles and Cindy McMilliam, Steven and Jane Walsh, Teresa Roberts, Doug Fallon, Denise Cubero, Heather Trainor

Steve opened the meeting by introducing everyone and thanking everyone for their work in what the organization has achieved. He then gave handed out an overview of the goals for the coming year:

- Continue to operate a well-run organization
- Lay the groundwork to achieve Bicycle Friendly Community designation of Silver or higher
 - Maintain the good programs we have now
 - Emphasize education for both cyclists and motorists
 - Act as diplomats for the cycling community
 - Improve safety wherever we can
 - Look to improve our connectivity and riding infrastructure
 - Get at least 10 Roswell “R” bike racks installed in the community in 2009
- Continue to act as Roswell’s trusted agent for all cycling-related issues
 - Support bicycle commuting
 - Support bike rodeos for kids
 - Support bicycle and pedestrian issues
- Work to develop a dedicated road cycling venue
 - Velodrome
 - Close a portion of a road to auto traffic on a weekend
- Improve our relationships with other organizations
 - RAMBO
 - Other cycling organizations nearby
- Look for ways to improve our image and status within the community
 - Get the local bike shops to sponsor events and get involved with the community
 - Conduct our monthly meetings at locations friendly to cycling and Bike Roswell!
 - Maintain good relations with the media
- Get greater involvement from our members in running the organization
- Have at least one representative at the National Bike Summit in Washington D.C.
- Keep our website current and relevant

Motions:

- A motion was made to move the Bicycle Friendly Community sign to Lower Roswell as it enters the city. Motion passed
- Charles McMilliam was nominated to serve as Transportation Liason for the Bike Roswell! board. Motion passed.

Other business:

- Roswell is the 1st and only city in Georgia to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community. Currently Georgia is ranked 49th in terms of being a cycling friendly state. We're looking to do what we can to improve our ranking as a city and a state.
- Roswell Bikes, the local shop, has bought the first two "R" racks.
- We had a trash pickup for our Adopt-a-Road project on November 9th. Six people showed up and picked up 7 bags of trash along Dogwood in one hour.
- The Mayor's ride for 2009 was proposed to be on April 19th
- The Family ride will be held on the last Sunday in July.
- We need a citizen ride for non-serious cyclists. We will look for a good time and location to have such a ride

Items for the next meeting to be held at Roswell Bikes* on Dec. 3rd 2008:

- Santa's scroll

*Frank said that cycling accessories will be 15% for all those who attend the meeting

Submitted by
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