

Bike Roswell! December 3, 2008 Meeting

Meeting held at Roswell Bikes @ 7 P.M.

Present: Eric Broadwell, Manual Ramos, Chuck Crider, Steve Acenbrack, Frank Eastland, Mike Burns, Robyn Elliot, Charles McMillan

Bike Roswell! was awarded an environmental award by the Citizen's Advisory Council on November 19th by Fulton County. Bike Roswell! will be recognized by the City Council at the December 15th meeting. We're asked to attend the meeting in our Bike Roswell! clothing to show our support.

The latest issue of American Bicyclists' from the League of American Bicyclists names Roswell as one of 19 cities in the country to re-establish our status as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

We need to continue to promote the safety and welfare of cycling in Roswell and being good advocates.

Steve expressed the need to establish a standing committee with the focus solely on upgrading our status to a Silver-Level as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Charles has agreed to chair this committee and suggested that Doug Fallon would be a good co-chair. We began to brainstorm a bit about this committee and what will be a two-year project to upgrade our status. Some of our initial ideas:

- Get a game plan by working backwards from our last application to see what we're doing well and what areas we can improve upon to increase our potential to upgrade
- Educate the Roswell Community at large and create a better awareness for cycling
- Determine how we can get Roswell Police to start tracking the number of cyclist and vehicle collisions?
- Address the issue of commuting and what we can do to make it safer and connect with people who are currently commuting.
- Increase awareness by getting our "R" racks installed. (Roswell Bikes is about to install the first rack in the city.)
- Take advantage of our branding opportunities: car magnets, jerseys, shorts, mile-high route, etc.

- Next steps: establish a framework then revisit our initial ideas and look to start action

Take a business plan to council member Lori Henry for how we can educate Roswell about cycling issues. She has expressed a willingness to help us get our messages out.

Encourage Roswell to be the leaders in the state and pass the 3-foot rule for a vehicle passing cyclists on the road. The city would be the first in the state to pass such an ordinance.

Other items:

Where could we establish a designated area for cyclists that would be closed to auto traffic or have a lane solely designated so that cyclists would be safe?

Santa Scroll—Eric will set it up at the Visitors' Center this week.

Ideas for increasing turnout for our meetings: having guest speakers at each meeting. Frank will get Matt Russ to speak at the January meeting about setting goals and training for them over the year.

Next meeting Jan. 7th at Roswell Bikes:

Agenda items:

- Guest speaker
- Brainstorm ideas for the upgrade committee. Charles suggested we keep it short and structured.

