

Bike Roswell! March 4th, 2009 Meeting minutes

Meeting held at Roswell Bikes @ 7 P.M.

Present: Eric Broadwell, Chuck Crider, Steve Acenbrack, Frank Eastland, Mike Burns

R-racks:

- A motion passed unanimously to donate two of the R racks to the City.
- Steve will work with the Mayor to make the unveiling of the racks a media event to garner publicity to promote Bike Roswell! and cycling in the city
- Eric will write a resolution for the Mayor to put an item on the City Council agenda to make the R racks the official bike rack of Roswell
- The Board approved the purchase and placement of a bike rack in memory of Eric Rybka at either the Riverside Park or Canton street.

Roswell Bikes shop will hold an Expo on the weekend of March 6-8th.

- Robyn Elliot will be there to man a Bike Roswell! tent on March 7th and handout Bike Roswell membership forms and handouts for the Mayor's Ride
- Eric will make copies of the forms and handouts

Mayor's Ride/Historic Roswell Criterium

- Eric will handle getting the permit from the city for the Mayor's Ride.
- Frank will contact Publix for food.
- Steve reported that the criterium is in danger of being cancelled because there is no title sponsor and the cost is too high for the City—approximately \$50K.
- Eric will send out a notice to various cycling groups asking that people contact City Council members voicing their support of the race.
- Cyclists need to be present at the March 16th City Council meeting to show their support for the criterium.
- Steve will meet with Kay Love on Friday about the Historic Roswell Criterium.
- Dotty Ettris, Roswell CVB, & Bill Kier, City of Roswell Econ. Dev., are meeting to get positive data to convince city officials that the HRCrit is worth continuing. City officials are looking for "hard numbers" that the races bring money and tourists to Roswell.

Juniors' National Championships

- Eric proposed that Bike Roswell! work to get the USA Cycling Junior National Championships in Roswell and will look into what it takes to submit a proposal.

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- Hosting the race is a two-year commitment and in 2010 there will be a new site.
- Gwinnett County, with the help of Frazier Cycling, will be trying to get it.
- Eric suggested that we might partner with Gwinnett and host the criterium championships in Roswell (Gwinnett could host the time trial and road race) since the Historic Roswell Criterium has hosted NRC races in the past and USA Cycling officials will have already certified the course.

Community Education:

- Robin and Charles McMillian are putting together educational classes for bicyclists and motorists. The class schedule will be announced soon.

Rides/Website updates:

- March 19 - 1st Bike Roswell! Thursday Night Ride begins at 6 p.m. at Riverside Park. Groups A, B, and C will begin together and separate on the hill up Eve's Rd.
- March 24 – Tuesday Night Ride begins at Cycleworks in Roswell.
- Mar 10th 6:30 p.m. The beginners' criterium in Devereaux Downs.

Portland as a model city for cyclists/pedestrians:

- Steve closed the meeting by sharing his pictures from a recent visit to Portland illustrating what that city does to promote safe cycling as a means of transportation.

Submitted by Mike Burns

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