

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
April 7, 2009 - 10:30 A.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on April 7, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at the Farmington MPO Office, 100 W Broadway, Farmington, New Mexico.

Present: Coordinator: Lori Meszaros
Members: Diana Lang
Steve Krest
Martin Lucero

Absent: Members: Marilee Herman
Amanda DeWees
Joe Delmagori
Sgt. Taft Tracy
Lieutenant Tyson
Lieutenant Washburn
Katherine Lucero
Rod Conover

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Coordinator Meszaros and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Meszaros called the meeting to order at 10:32am. Ms. Lang brought to the committee's attention that there was a scheduling conflict at the college for the weekend of the Bike Rodeo and that it may get cancelled. Ms. Meszaros asked what could be done to keep it on schedule. Ms. Lang stated that there was only one maintenance person working and two events were too much for the staff. Ms. Meszaros said that the Bike Rodeo only required the parking lot, power and access to restrooms to fulfill the need for the event. Ms. Lang worked on getting approval for the event, with the stipulation that these minimum needs required by the Committee were all that was being requested. She hoped to have an answer before the end of the day. Ms. Meszaros confirmed that they were not supplying tables or tents to the booth participants since it was a free event. Mr. Krest shared that he would contact Parks and Recreation about getting a few trashcans set up at the event. Ms. Lang received the okay from The Office of Scheduling for the Bike Rodeo event on May 30, 2009.

Ms. Meszaros next topic was to appoint Officers for the committee. Mr. Lucero shared that MPO Staff is unable to take on the role of an officer because of the MPO Bylaws. Ms. Lang asked whether the committee could continue as is without officers. Ms. Meszaros described that her main reason for selecting officers was to be able to start raising money for the Bike Rodeo and also for the schools and to be able to have a bank account for depositing the funds collected. Ms. Lang and Ms. Meszaros agreed to be

co-signer for the Farmington Walk and Roll Checking Account. The members in attendance decided that the committee could continue to function successfully without officers.

Ms. Lang shared that the College has two bikes and possibly a third at this time. She said that if the Police Department had bikes to donate that the college bike shop could fix or repair them. Ms. Meszaros stated that Marilee had an additional bike to donate also. Ms. Lang indicated that her volunteer signup sheet has only had minimal response since people are hesitant to tie up two weekends for activities. Ms. Meszaros described the overall plan as four different bike stations with the largest one manned by herself and Craig. The three other stations need two people each, but those will be manned by the Bike Club members. The college would only need to have 6-8 volunteers to assist the Bike Club members and provide assistance at the Prize Zone. In addition there will be booths for Cottonwood Bicycles, Juice Plus, Green Living Lady, MPO and perhaps a SRTS booth. The prizes that are not donated will be purchased with the fund raising money. Mr. Krest asked who developed the posters and was told that MPO staff provided the work. He said he would get them printed up and asked MPO to forward the files to him electronically. Ms. Meszaros showed the committee the logo she would like to have printed on t-shirts and would be inquiring about cost.

Ms. Lang stated that the Gary Smothers was asking the Farmington Walk & Roll to paint the markings on the parking lot. Mr. Krest suggested that she re-verify that they really wanted to permanently mark up the parking lot. Ms. Lang shared that the college did not have chalk marking equipment and that may be why the paint was suggested. Mr. Krest felt that the Parks and Recreation Department would let him borrow one of theirs. He also informed the committee that he had barricades available to limit traffic inside the parking lot.

Ms. Meszaros shared an idea for spending funds. She hoped that the Police Department could put on a program for parents that are volunteering for the Walking School Bus, alleviating safety concerns by running background checks and training participants.

Ms. Meszaros spoke about another opportunity to use funding money to send two people to Las Cruces in October for training. There have been 2 people showing interest, one at the college and Kyle.

Lastly, Ms. Meszaros was looking into advertising at the theaters. Ms. Lang shared that posters at the 7-11 stores were very productive. Ms. Meszaros suggested that Mr. Krest print 100 large posters and 1500 small posters that will be handed out at the schools.

Ms. Mezaros reminded committee members that student walking counts would be taken at Apache Elementary next week. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.