Meeting began at 3:08 p.m. in CSU 202.

Present: Monika Antonelli, Ron Fields, Beth Holcomb, Medea Myhra, Louis Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, Barry Wilkins, Dakota Crow, Michael Hanson

1. Review and Approve Minutes  The meeting minutes had one typo under item #2. “Vikings” brochures should read “Biking” brochures. Minutes were approved as amended.

2. Bike Pilot Program Subcommittee Report Gary Urban reported that informal discussion surrounded the focus and plan of the subcommittee. It was mentioned that one of the goals of the environmental committee as a whole is to work in collaboration with the International Student Office to expand the bike loan program. An October 19 meeting is being planned for the subcommittee to meet with Campus Rec. and it was suggested to involve Todd Pfingsten, David Jones and Sam Steiger. Preparing students on bike safety and maintenance were suggested. Michael Hanson also suggested an on-campus student-run bike shop funded through SAC funds.

3. Community Fair  Medea reported a total of 24 students signed up during the campus community fair. Bike safety brochures were handed out along with new bus route schedules, and a drawing was held for the autographed Vikings banner. The fair did not draw a huge crowd possibly because of being held too early in the school year and insufficient publicity.

4. Mark Seeley Presentation  Lou reported that a press release was sent out and should reach about 30 venues via T.V., radio stations and area newspapers. Geography and Sociology instructors will offer extra credit for their classes to attend. Monika created an attendance certificate and ordered more posters. Lou mentioned there will be an environmental group from the Cities coming. Parking passes for Lot 7 (the pay lot) will be available to guests.

5. Report on Funds  There are no further updates on the progress of our request.

6. Committee Goals  Lou handed out the page of our report/funding request which outlines the committee’s goals for the academic year 2012-2013. The goals were reviewed with emphasis placed on items #2 – Develop a three-year plan to enhance a campus culture of energy-conscious behavior and sustainable life-style; and #3 – Develop a campus sustainability policy and implementation principles. Ron Fields informed the committee that the Campus Master Plan is just now getting off the ground. Currently, MSU is not ready for more bike traffic. But with participation in the Master Plan,
a program would be included that certifies our campus as “biker friendly”. Ron is hoping to hold the first meeting of the Master Plan by October 12 with the full Master Plan being completed by the time of spring commencement. Between now and then, we can be preparing the campus community for the new bike program. It was suggested to have Erica send an email to see what interest there is for persons to serve on a subcommittee.

7. Green Transportation Fee Ron reported that ridership numbers are up dramatically. In fact, students report over-crowding, which may improve as the bus schedule is adjusted.

8. Other
   * Dakota Crow introduced himself as a grad student in Sports Management who is very interested in attending committee meetings. He has a lot of great ideas about how sustainability fits in with sports/athletic programs.

   * Michael Hanson, in attendance, was appointed by the Student Senate. He stated that Soyal, student senate president, should be attending future committee meetings. He also mentioned that another student, Paige, was also very interested in attending committee meetings.

Meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2012, Wiecking Center, Room 221, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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