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## May Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2014

Attending were Mark Deshon (chair), Heather Dunigan (WILMAPCO), Mike Fortner (City of Newark Planning), Ban Phommachanh (UD Parking), Linda Smith (UD HealthyU Employee Wellness), Angela Connolly (Newark Bike Project), Frank Warnock (Delaware Bikes), and Karl Hassler (resident).

Christine Schultz, Joe Spadafino, and Jeff Riegner sent regrets via email. Anthony Aglio was not available via conference call; no representatives from police departments were present.

- *Brief review of Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit*

Angela Connolly said the presentations from the representatives from Portland, Ore., and Boulder, Colo., were outstanding. In these two locations there have been emphases on infrastructure improvements and fostering everyday activities on bicycles. She also added that League of American Bicyclists (LAB) president Andy Clarke, in announcing Delaware's new #4 status nationally as a Bicycle Friendly State, said that Delaware had come a long way in a few short years.

During our meeting, Frank Warnock took exception to the notion that Delaware has improved, citing the recent debacle of incorrectly applied rumble strips in bike lanes in parts of the state. Heather Dunigan felt that this is information we in Newark should use to our advantage in our own relationship with DelDOT, as DelDOT assists Newark in planning improvements locally.

- *Status of Bicycle Friendly Community award notification*

Heather said that Newark retained its bronze status and that, in its letter, LAB indicated that Newark was "very close to silver designation" and urged us to "reapply sooner" than the required 2018 date. She said the official road signs are expected to come in this summer.

All expressed kudos to Heather for her tireless work in getting this application edited and submitted.

- *Review of Bike to Work Day plans and last-minute tasks*

Due to impending torrential rain, the decision was made on Wednesday, May 14, to reschedule the Bike to Work Day event, previously scheduled for May 16, for Monday, May 19.

- Set-up logistics and crew needed

Linda Smith will pick up bananas at Newark Natural Foods. Anthony Aglio will set up DelDOT's table; Angela and Frank will set up the Newark Bike Project table.

- Bike trains to the event

Mark indicated that one more bike captain was needed to lead from the reservoir parking lot, because Lauri Webber cannot make it on Monday. Karl Hassler agreed to lead from there. Frank will help Mark secure a substitute bike captain for Steve Hegedus, who cannot make it on Monday.

- Safety units (UD Police and City of Newark Police) preparation

Mike Fortner reported that Capt. William Hargrove of the Newark Police has assured him they will be there to monitor the busy Delaware Ave./South College Ave. intersection on Monday. Again, we had no UD Police presence at this NBC meeting.

- Speakers secured and in what order they will speak

Mike indicated that the following persons will speak at Bike to Work Day:

- UD Provost Domenico Grasso
- Newark City Manager Carol Houck
- Newark Bike Project representative Thijs Lanckriet

- Sponsors secured

Mike said that the sponsors of this year's event were the same as last year, with the addition of the Downtown Newark Partnership. Mark had sent signage art to Heather to produce for the event, recognizing event sponsors.

- Award to be presented, gifts to be given away (if any)

The Newark Bicycle Friendly Community Leader Award will be given to Dan Lacombe, who recently retired from DelDOT. Unfortunately, due to the date change, it doesn't look like he'll be able to be present, so Anthony Aglio will accept on Dan's behalf and make sure he gets the certificate of recognition. In addition, some nice items have been donated by sponsors to raffle off near the end of the event. Thanks to DelDOT and to the Delaware Bicycle Council for supplying T-shirts to be given away.

- Brief “walk (talk) through” of event

6:45 set-up starts

7:20 bike captains lead their bike trains in from six locations

7:30 participants begin eating, mingling, getting T-shirts, and registering for giveaways

8:10 speakers (including BFC announcement and presentation of volunteer award)

8:30 group photo and giveaways

- Clean-up logistics and crew needed

Angela and Mark will stay to clean up.

- *New or old business*

Two quick reminders:

- Ride of Silence on May 21 at 7 p.m. starts at Newark Charter School (10-mile ride)

- Bicycle class on May 28 from 6–8:30 p.m. at WILMAPCO, offered by White Clay Bicycle Club

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at WILMAPCO.

**Thanks to all who had a part in making Bike to Work Day in Newark another success.**