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April Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Member attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Dave Saunders (Secretary), Mark Deshon

Partner liaison attendees:

Bike Delaware: John Bare

City of Newark: Mike Fortner (Planning & Development), Ofc. Alex Whitt (Police), Ofc. Nate Graber (Police)

University of Delaware: Ofc. Bill Knightly (Police), Ban Phommachanh (Parking), Kimberly Reinagel-Nietubicz (Office of the Exec. V.P.)

DelDOT: Paul Moser

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

Guest: Brandon Farzad

Bike to Work Day is May 17. Mike Fortner provided an update. Funding and location are confirmed. New UD Vice Provost Jeff Long will speak. Other speakers are in the process of being confirmed. Bryan Horsey from Bloom Energy has indicated some funding may be forthcoming. Bike trains are being organized, and captains will be needed. Mark Deshon will coordinate lining up captains. There was discussion of associated event hashtag, resulting in *#B2WDnewark*.

Mark Deshon provided an update on the **Newark Bikeways**. Tom Coleman had given BikeNewark the go ahead to send DelDOT the final plans for wayfinding on the City's behalf. DelDOT's Mark Luszcz has our proposal in hand and is currently reviewing. Mark plans to update the new City Council on the Central Loop. John Bare commented that wayfinding signs would be up by the end of April in Wilmington and New Castle (same maroon-colored series).

Bob McBride provided a **Newark Sustainability Plan** update. A third draft of the plan is in the works. It has four themes (paths):

1. clean energy
2. transportation planning, including multimodal—bicycle-friendly paired with land use
3. green buildings
4. natural resources, flood plains, etc.

The next meeting is May 6 at 4 p.m. in City Council chambers. The goal is to have a draft suitable for presentation at public workshops at the May meeting or soon thereafter with a final report in mid-summer. Helga Huntley is on the committee as a community member and can continue to serve as BikeNewark representative as well (in place of Susan Grasso, who is now in Detroit).

Parking and Traffic Changes During Main Street Reconstruction

There was a discussion of arguments for preserving the bike the lane on Delaware Avenue during construction.

Some of the points made:

- The Conservation Advisory Committee has voted to oppose elimination of the bike lane.
- UD will not support temporary removal of the bike lane. UD is concerned about the safety of pedestrians as well.
- The Trabant garage is open to the public but has been full at times recently.
- This could be an occasion to promote better bike infrastructure for Lovett Avenue. This can provide an alternative westbound route, especially until the Delaware Avenue bike lane is two-way.
- Publication of suggested biking options during the Main Street work is desirable.
- Get kiosks on Central Loop up quickly (to provide construction info).
- Central Loop signage can be part of Main Street mitigation for the City. AECOM should be contacted about information distribution through its channels.
- The mitigation plan will be discussed at an April 29 City Council meeting. Helga Huntley will present BikeNewark's position.

Event Reports and Planning

- The Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit is Thursday, May 2. A table is reserved for BikeNewark. A BikeNewark promotional ad is in program. In exchange, Mark, Dave, Karl, and Barbara have volunteered to help the organizers at the event.
- Bike to School Week is May 6-10. There will be bike trains into school at 7:45 a.m. all week from 4 locations. Mark asked for volunteer captains.
- There was a public meeting on the planned Emerson Bridge project this week. The pedestrian/bike bridge has weakness in its connection to the Pomeroy Trail. Better sidewalk/path from the intersection to the bridge is needed but difficult (utility issues).
- The Ride of Silence is scheduled for May 15. There is a similar ride on that day in Wilmington. An old, loop route was suggested for Newark's ride, which would be within the city limits, starting at the edge of town. Barb Hughes's availability to organize this, as she had done last year, was in question. At this point, the consensus was to not plan the event this year.
- A BikeNewark Community Night was discussed briefly. Wooden Wheels is willing to host another Community Night. It could be outdoors at a park (as last spring), or it could be at Newark Bike Project. The regular June meeting could be replaced with the Community Night. Friday is a good day at Newark Bike Project starting at 7 p.m. Perhaps the event could follow the First Friday Ride; however, June 7 is problematic because of UD's Delabration alumni weekend. A proposal was floated to move the First Friday Ride from June 7 to June 14.
- Community Bike Days is scheduled for September 3-7. The organizing committee had an April 8 meeting. "Community Bike Days" supersedes "UD Bike Days," and will include a "Community Fun Ride," which replaces the "Mayor's Fun Ride" and will take the place of the September First Friday Ride. Karl Hassler will need to be involved because BikeNewark will need to apply for an event permit and take in registrations and money.

Karl Hassler provided the **Treasurer's Report** (see p. 3) indicating we had an Initial balance: \$979.70 and that during the month there was income in the form of a White Clay Bicycle Club donation of \$500, an individual donation \$100, and account interest of \$0.02. The current balance is now \$1579.72. The IRS 990 tax form for nonprofit organizations has been filed for 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44. Minutes were taken by Dave Saunders,

Addendum: Treasurer's report

2019 Bike Newark Financial Activity Statement				
4/18/2019		WSFS	PayPal	Total
Beginning balance 1/1/2019		\$ 591.58	\$ 822.03	\$ 1,413.61
Additions:				
				0.00
1/31	interest	0.02		0.02
Total additions		0.02	0.00	0.02
Deductions:				
1/30/19	Insurance Amerispec	280.00		280.00
Total deductions		280.00	0.00	280.00
Surplus (deficit)		(279.98)	0.00	(279.98)
Ending balance 1/30/2019		\$ 311.60	\$ 822.03	\$ 1,133.63
Beginning balance 2/1/2019		311.60	822.03	1,133.63
Additions:				
2/7/19	PayPal transfer	822.03	(822.03)	0.00
				0.00
Total additions		822.03	(822.03)	0.00
Deductions:				
2/11/19	LAB dues #514	75.00		75.00
2/11/19	DE Franchise Fee	25.00		25.00
Total deductions		100.00	0.00	100.00
Surplus (deficit)		722.03	(822.03)	(100.00)
Ending balance 2/20/2019		\$ 1,033.63	\$ -	\$ 1,033.63
Beginning balance 3/1/2019		1,033.63	0.00	1,033.63
Additions:				
2/28/19	interest	0.02		0.02
Total additions		0.02	0.00	0.02
Deductions:				
3/19/19	Brochure backs #515	53.95		53.95
Total deductions		53.95	0.00	53.95
Surplus (deficit)		(53.93)	0.00	(53.93)
Ending balance 3/20/2019		\$ 979.70	\$ -	\$ 979.70
Beginning balance 3/21/2019		979.70	0.00	979.70
Additions:				
3/29/19	WCBC grant	500.00		500.00
3/31/19	interest	0.02		0.02
4/17/19	donation - Saunders	100.00		100.00
Total additions		600.02	0.00	600.02
Deductions:				
Total deductions		0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus (deficit)		600.02	0.00	600.02
Ending balance 4/18/2019		\$ 1,579.72	\$ -	\$ 1,579.72