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June Meeting Minutes June 20, 2019

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

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

Partner liaison attendees:

DelDOT: Paul Moser

Community Bike Days report: Subsequent to the committee's June 3 meeting, a need to reduce to three subcommittees occurred. There will be one for the ride on September 7th, one for publicity, and one for the four weekday events that also deals with general messaging on safety, education, and encouragement. Three of the weekday events will be at City parks and one on campus at Mentors' Circle. As of today, the Community Fun Ride start time had not set. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. were discussed. The BikeReg service will be used for online registration. The fee is about \$1.57 per registrant. The next full Community Bike Day committee meeting is Wednesday, July 10.

Email lists: The plan to have three Google Groups lists (for events, issues, meetings) is going forward. For support of nesting the groups and a generally higher level of service from Google, we'll register BikeNewark as a G-Suite nonprofit organization.

Newark Bikeways: DelDOT's wayfinding signage plan, based on BikeNewark's original proposal, was reviewed during BikeNewark's June 5 Engineering Committee meeting. Compromise was reached, and DelDOT will produce a revised plan for final review. Questions arose today on nomenclature for the future routes (bikeways) out from the central loop. DelDOT would not accept a phrase like "points West" on route signs but requires a route name. Point-of-compass names like "Northwest" with an appropriate noun are our likely solution. The word "Bikeway" with those directional names seemed to make the most sense.

Feasibility study: New Castle County and the City of Newark are preparing a grant application to the Delaware Bicycle Council for a feasibility study for connections between Newark and other destinations. For example, routes to Glasgow Park (eventually to Castle Trail) and to Wilmington will be considered. BikeNewark is providing a support letter, which Bob McBride has drafted.

Community Night: Twenty-one people attended Community Night on June 14, nine of whom were BikeNewark members. More advance publicity would be good for future such events. It was suggested to have another community night at Wooden Wheels in October.

TID committee report from Bob: Info about it will be going out via the social media tool Nextdoor Neighbor. There is a worry about the car focus in TID planning, The principles set out by law for CCEDs can be a guideline for our advocacy in the TID committee. One point of discussion is a suitable bicycle link from Brookside to the train station, which would involve UD land.

Treasurer's report: \$225 was spent for Bike to Work Day food and supplies, and \$120 was used for Community Night. The City of Newark kindly waived the fee for use of Handloff Park. The current balance is \$1,111.59.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

Discussion continued on these topics.

DelDOT is planning temporary pop-up projects. For example, one might be advisory shoulders on North College Ave. between Cleveland Avenue and Ray Street.

Ray Street could have a contraflow bike lane. Ray Street terminates with two lanes exiting on to New London Road, one for each direction. Given the typical low traffic volume, one lane exiting onto New London Road would suffice and allow the bike lane to extend fully from the intersection.

At the new train station, the bike/pedestrian path under the bridge has a curb issue where the path meets the access road. ADA rules make it difficult to put a ramp there because they require a receiving accommodation on the other side of the road.

Minutes by Dave Saunders