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## November Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Member attendees:** Brian Bahnson, Mark Deshon, Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Helga Huntley (Co-Chair), Bob McBride (Chair), Dave Saunders (Secretary)

**Partner liaison attendees:**

Delaware Greenways: Adam Crosby

BikeDelaware: John Bare

DelDOT: Paul Moser

University of Delaware: Lauren Burkett (DelDOT intern)

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

**Guests:** Pam G. Green, Jennifer Kraut

**October Bike Central:** Many lights were installed, half a dozen helmets given out. The second day was postponed due to weather.

**Bike Light Nights and First Friday Rides:** Barb Hughes is busy. Advertising for these events need to be 3 weeks prior to the event.

**Community Night at Wooden Wheels:** About 25 people participated last month, but few newcomers.

**Community Bike Days:** The final report is attached to the September minutes. A general chair other than Mark Deshon will be needed next year.

Funds destination was discussed with mention of the Police Athletic League and the rest to Newark Bikeways wayfinding signs and kiosks.

**Bike parking issues:**

Pam Green reported on disappointing bike-parking experiences: flimsy racks—for example, at the Acme in Suburban Plaza the bike rack is flimsy, insecure. Kirk's Flowers owner owns the shopping center. These are examples of bike parking not up to standard of the *2014 Newark Bicycle Plan*. (City of Newark enforces this for new development). Request to write letters to Mayer of Suburban Plaza and DSM Commercial (Park and Shop) requesting up-to-spec bike racks. BN agrees to draft these letters.

In further regard to bike parking, Heather reported that there will be 12 parking spaces on north

side, 40 on south side as part of the new Newark Train Station plan.

**Bylaws change:** Option B from the agenda was adopted by consensus. The list of partner organizations will no longer appear in the bylaws, and the BikeNewark Secretary will maintain the list, which can be updated by the membership. The revised bylaws text reads:

“Liaison Members are representatives of partner organizations that work cooperatively with BikeNewark to advance common goals. Liaison Members do not have voting rights. A list of such partner organizations shall be maintained by the Secretary. Changes to the list may be made by the voting membership following the rules laid out in Article VIII, Section A.”

**Treasurer’s report** is attached, current balance \$5,586.10.

**Newark Bikeways project:** Two signs need to be redone with next batch. Stay tuned on three more bikeways.

In its 2018 (bronze award) guidance, LAB gave us feedback that we should encourage the University of Delaware to become a Bicycle Friendly University. A presentation on Bicycle Friendly University status could be made to Caitlin Olsen. Mark Deshon agreed to present this to her.

We are disappointed that UD didn’t designate an individual as the point person for bicycling issues.

### **Newark Partnership**

- TID boundaries are defined, currently going through approvals.
- Planning within these boundaries will be the next phase.
- Newark partnership membership is \$25 a year for no-employee nonprofit membership.

### **Additional items:**

Paul Moser project update: shoulders on North College and Ray Street are not extensive enough and with breaks, so DelDOT won’t be working on a pop-up project there.

The idea of bike contraflow lane on Ray Street and also on McKees Lane, was discussed.

A meeting at JMT on the two way protected bike lane for Delaware Avenue will be held on December 5. BikeNewark will be represented.

Delaware Greenways 30th anniversary event is Saturday, Nov. 30th, 10am-2pm, 1910 Rockland Rd.

Newark Bike Project fix-up happy hour event: November 22, 5:30-9pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08.