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April Meeting Minutes April 16, 2020 (Virtual Meeting)

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Member attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Helga Huntley (Co-Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Dave Saunders (Secretary), Mark Deshon, Karen Rosenberg, Polly Sierer, and Dave Schultz

Partner liaison attendees:

BikeDelaware: John Bare

City of Newark: Mike Fortner

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

DelDOT: Paul Moser

University of Delaware: Cpl. Dustin Schrantz (Police)

Guest: Faith Woodard

Transportation Planning

- Bob McBride provided an update on Newark Transportation Improvement District.
- Plans for the Delaware Avenue entrance to the to-be-redeveloped College Square Shopping Center were discussed. A much-improved intersection at Library Avenue and Delaware Avenue is in the works, including a bicycle phase in the traffic signals.
- Concerning Wyoming Road between Library Avenue and Marrows Road, it may make sense to get all interested or potentially involved parties—UD/College Square developers, DelDOT, City of Newark, and BikeNewark—together to plan for Wyoming Road bike lane and East Bikeway connectors.
- The New Castle County Bicycle Plan draft is on wilmapco.org. Public comments will be taken until May 1. A new element in the plans is a link from the planned Emerson Bridge to the Pomeroy Trail.
- Update on Newark Bikeways wayfinding signage project: There has not been much progress yet on new signs. Several signs need replacement due to theft or vandalism. Durability and weathering were discussed and may be reviewed with DelDOT.
- BikeNewark should remind the City about the striping program on Main Street. Regular sharrows are showing in the DelDOT plans, but these are not the green-backed sharrows the City had requested. Paul will check with DelDOT. Mark will follow up with the City.

Events Planning/Discussion for 2020

- **Bike to Work Day postponement:** It was decided to reschedule this annual event for Tuesday, Sept 22 (the rescheduled National Bike to Work Day date). This is a deviation from our Friday tradition (and indeed from that of the typical Friday nationwide celebration). Bike Delaware Executive Director James Wilson could be the keynote speaker. Types of celebration may need to change; in-person participation may not be the same. Bring ideas to the next meeting for how we might do this.
- **First Friday/Fourth Friday Rides:** These bike rides and planning are off until at least September 2020. We can then consider whether rides start in March 2021, as Barb Hughes had told Mark Deshon, or continue at all.
- **BikeNewark** has decided to cancel Community Bike Days, including the Community Fun Ride, for 2020. It may be planned for 2021.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance 3/20/2020		\$ 5,053.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,053.64
Additions:				
	3/31/20 interest	0.18		0.18
Total additions		0.18	0.00	0.18
Deductions:				
Total deductions		0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus (deficit)		0.18	0.00	0.18
Ending balance 4/16/2020		\$ 5,053.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,053.82

Old and New Business

Safety education: Educating UD students about appropriate riding habits was discussed. Cpl. Dustin Schrantz is responsible for this with UD students. Headphones and other distractions are a concern. It would be good to make a safety-marketing plan before the Delaware Avenue two-way protected bike lane is completed.

We received note from John Fiori of DelDOT about detectable warning surfaces. This will be sent to the email list to allow commentary from other members.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes by David Saunders with contributions from Bob McBride and Mark Deshon