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## November Meeting Minutes November 19, 2020 (Virtual Meeting)

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**Member attendees:** Bob McBride (Chair), Helga Huntley (Vice-Chair), Dave Saunders (Secretary), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Mark Deshon, Karen Rosenberg, Paul Baumbach, Christine Schultz, and Dave Schultz

**Partner liaison attendees:**

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

University of Delaware: Cpl. Alaina Battle (Police)

Bike Delaware: John Bare

Delaware Greenways: Adam Crosby

**Guests:** Matt Saponaro, Jennie Turner, and Brett Wilson (A. I. Whoo COVID Vision)

### **Designing Delaware Intersections for People Conference: Preliminary Reactions**

The conference was generally regarded as providing useful information. Various designs (including one-lane roundabouts) were shown with discussion of how they address goals, such as keeping pedestrian-crossing segments shorter and providing good sight lines where bicycle and motorist paths cross. The specific proposal developed for the Wyoming Rd./Library Ave. intersection was well received, with some reservations.

### **A. I. Whoo COVID Vision Trail Safety Analysis Project**

The COVID Vision project has CARES Act funding via New Castle County to partner with several organizations and set up cameras along trails for a short period and gather trail-use data, including mask wearing and social distancing. After discussion of trails in and around Newark, BikeNewark agreed to partner in the project for data gathering along the James Hall Trail, to be completed by the end of December. City of Newark approval will be sought, and the data will be shared with the City.

### **Transportation Planning Update**

The City of Newark TID study group nearly has its final report ready for DelDOT. It was reported that the idea of a bypass to the South College Avenue rail bridge came under discussion.

**Video Project: What is a Sharrow?** (highlighting Main St. sharrows)

This video project is nearing completion, after production consultation by Bob McBride, Mark Deshon, Helga Huntley, and Lauri Webber. A short discussion of sharrows followed, including reactions to research suggesting that sharrows have limited impact and that sharrows should not be considered bicycling infrastructure. Projects, like this one, that promote better understanding of sharrows can help make them effective. That is precisely BikeNewark's aim.

## **Grant Applications**

- ***Delaware Bicycle Council grant application update***

A team from the Delaware Bicycle Council met with Tim Filasky, Ethan Robinson, and Mark Deshon for an onsite review of the Wyoming Road corridor to discuss more specifics of the grant application. DBC subsequently allowed a revised grant application resubmittal. Award notification is expected in December.

- ***Delaware Greenways Trail Amenities grant***

Delaware Greenways' Future Trails of Northern Delaware Coalition will be considering grant proposals for trail amenities, such as benches, fix-it stations, kiosks, etc. The deadline is January 31, 2021.

## **BikeNewark Election of Officers for 2021-22**

One person has agreed to be nominated for each officer position. Helga Huntley and Brian Bahnson were also nominated but declined nomination. Individual Members of BikeNewark should vote by December 16, via the online ballot link that was emailed by BikeNewark. New officers will be announced at the December partnership meeting.

- ***Chair:*** Robert McBride
- ***Co-Chair:*** Karen Rosenberg
- ***Secretary:*** Christine Schultz
- ***Treasurer:*** Karl Hassler

## **Treasurer's Report**

Balance is \$6,638.03. See report on the next page.

Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

*Minutes by Dave Saunders*

<b>Beginning balance 10/16/2020</b>		<b>\$ 6,638.33</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,638.33</b>
Additions:				
10/30	Interest	0.06		0.06
10/31	John Bare - Donation	25.00		25.00
11/2	Christine Schultz - Membership		10.00	10.00
11/2	Dave Schultz - Membership		10.00	10.00
11/18	Transfer PP>WSFS	18.82	(18.82)	0.00
Total additions		43.88	1.18	45.06
Deductions:				
11/2	Christine Schultz - Membership		(0.59)	
11/2	Dave Schultz - Membership		(0.59)	(0.59)
Total deductions		0.00	(1.18)	(1.18)
Surplus (deficit)		43.88	(0.00)	43.88
<b>Ending balance 11/19/2020</b>		<b>6,682.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,682.21</b>