



Monthly Meeting

Agenda

February 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Project and Partnership Reports

- Bicycle Friendly Community application final status
- Response to WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan 2023 draft
- Wyoming Road project status
- Newark Bikeways update
 - Wayfinding
 - Bikeway kiosks
 - Grant applications status
- Newark to Newport Trail planning
- Delaware Avenue project
 - Promotion
 - Critique and response
 - Data gathering ideas
- People for Bikes information submittal update

Events Planning for 2023

- Two to four UD/community bicycle-safety checkpoint events
- Bike Month (May) 2023 activities
 - Bike to School Day effort?
 - Bike to Work Day, May 19, 2023
 - Newark Ride of Silence?
- Proposed community Family Bike Day event June 2023
- Newark Community Day, Sep 17, 2023

Setting BikeNewark Goals for 2023

- Review of accomplished goals in 2022 (see next page)
- Create draft of proposed goals for 2023

Membership Renewal Update

Treasurer's Report

Old and New Business



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BikeNewark Accomplishments in 2022

- Received \$625 in funding from the White Clay Bicycle Club to be applied to the Newark Bikeways project.
- Witnessed and helped publicize the completion of the Delaware Avenue two-way protected bikeway, the result of a project BikeNewark (in its prior manifestation as the Newark Bicycle Committee) had advocated for in 2014 with partner organizations Bike Delaware, the City of Newark, and DelDOT.
- Helped install new bike racks at John R. Downes Elementary School.
- Completed wayfinding-signage production and installation for the Southwest Bikeway as part of the Newark Bikeways low-stress bicycle network project.
- Created a new two-page bicycle-safety document, which is both downloadable and available as a handout; it includes a Delaware Avenue bicycle-infrastructure graphic produced by DelDOT, “4 Safety Tips for Bicyclists,” along with ticklers (with QR codes) for a Main Street sharrows video, a Main Street contraflow-lane video, and the Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act.
- Highlighted National Bike Month in May with our annual Bike to Work Day event on the campus of the University of Delaware, in coordination with UD, DelDOT, Newark Bike Project, and others.
- Supported John R. Downes Elementary School for its annual Bike to School Day celebration in May.
- Partnered with Delaware State Parks and the Wilmington Trail Club to complete the installation of wayfinding signage for the Christina Valley Stream Trail.
- Reviewed project proposal options for bicycle improvements along the Wyoming Road corridor as part of the City of Newark’s bicycling Innovative Infrastructure Grant it received from the Delaware Bicycle Council.
- Began work with the City of Newark on its renewal application for “Bicycle Friendly Community” status.
- Executed an order and paid for wayfinding signage for the South Bikeway and for signage that will complete the Central Loop Bikeway.
- Partnered with University of Delaware Police and DelDOT to hold two successful bike-safety events on campus, during which about 40 sets of bike lights were installed, about 15 bike helmets were given and fitted, and bicycle-safety information was distributed.
- Partnered with University of Delaware Police and Newark Bike Project in a UD-sponsored event where bicycle-safety information was distributed.
- Participated with Newark Bike Project at a Newark Center for Creative Learning fair, where safe-cycling materials were distributed to students and parents.
- Organized and held three First Friday Rides community events—slow group rides that are meant to encourage those of all ages to enjoy bicycling and practice good group-riding etiquette.
- Supported and participated with Delaware State Parks in trail-etiquette events at White Clay Creek State Park.
- Attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony (during which BikeNewark support was cited) for the Charles R. Emerson Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge over the White Clay Creek, for which we had advocated.
- Participated and hosted a booth at the annual Newark Community Day event.
- Increased membership by 52% (added a net of 14 new members) during the calendar year.
- Members participated in (and continue on) The Newark Partnership.
- A member participated (and continues) on the City of Newark’s Transportation Improvement District Committee.
- A member participated (and continues) on the City of Newark’s Conservation Advisory Committee.