



November Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024 (Virtual Meeting)

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Member Attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Kevin Monahan (Vice Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Michael Smith (Secretary), Mark Deshon, Karen Rosenberg, JT Fleming, Mara Gorman

Partner Liaison Attendees:

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

UDPD: Jess Zeilman

Upcoming Events / Projects for 2024

- DelDOT South College Avenue Planning
 - Heather Dunigan mentioned the idea of a road diet on South College Avenue with bicycle lanes on both sides of the road, but was deemed infeasible due to University entrances.
 - Heather mentioned that the new proposed idea includes a cycletrack on the stadium-side of South College Ave and a “turbo” roundabout at the intersection with Inspiration Blvd.
 - Mark Deshon asked if anyone had a proposal to connect the Hall Trail to the bridge over the railroad from the south; Heather said that the current situation is unsafe and complex.
- December In Person Party (Thursday, December 19th at 4 pm)
 - Heather offered the WILMAPCO office for an in-person event and noted that she is having a semi-retirement party on Thursday, December 19th.
 - Mark recommended that we have our December meeting on the 19th with a light agenda to celebrate Heather’s work and announce the BikeNewark board election results.

Updates on Other Projects

- Newark Bicycle Plan
 - Heather shared the latest version of the Bicycle Plan audit form that she and Sophia have worked on, including gaps / pinch points on select routes and inventory of bike parking.
 - Karl Hassler and Mark suggested holding an engineering committee meeting to review elements of the Bicycle Plan before the December meeting at the WILMAPCO office.
- Newark Outdoor Recreation Project
 - Bob McBride gave an update on the project and noted that there is a heavy UD focus (the site is linked here: <https://sites.google.com/udel.edu/newark-outdoor-recreation>).
 - Karl noted that the points of interest that the project lists are not aligned with our points of interest, and wishes that Mark’s newly revised bikeways map was used in the site.
 - Heather added that she would like facilities that aren’t open to non-UD residents flagged.

- Michael Smith noted his amazement by the speed of the project's creation / installation.
- Bob said that he would try to set up a meeting with Matt Saponaro to make some tweaks.

Updates from Partner Organizations

- Heather mentioned that WILMAPCO had their 3rd public workshop regarding the revitalization of Kirkwood Highway (linked here: <http://www.wilmapco.org/kirkwood/>).
- Kevin Monahan mentioned that Rep. Cyndie Romer hinted that the legalization of electric scooters seems to be gaining support in state legislature.

Treasurer's Report

- Kevin noted that financial activity was very limited over the past month:

Beginning balance 10/18/2024		2,846.07	(0.00)	2,846.07
Additions:				
10/25/24	W Trout		5.00	5.00
10/31/24	Interest	0.02		0.02
11/15/24	Membership B Meeder		10.00	
11/21/24	Transfer PayPal-WSFS	13.53	(13.53)	
Total additions		13.55	1.47	15.02
Deductions:				
				0.00
10/25/23	PP fee		0.63	0.63
11/15/24	PP fee		0.84	
Total deductions		0.00	1.47	1.47
Surplus (deficit)		13.55	0.00	13.55
Ending balance 11/21/2024		2,859.62	(0.00)	2,859.62

Old and New Business

- Election of BikeNewark Officers: Mark informed nominated individuals and only received a handful of denials. He has asked for those who have agreed to be nominated to send him a short biography for the ballot. Nominations have now been finalized and a ballot with the candidates will soon be sent out, with a December 18th voting deadline.

Adjourned at 4:53 pm

Minutes by Michael Smith