



April 2025 Monthly Meeting

April Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025 Hybrid meeting (WILMAPCO/Zoom)

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:01

Member Attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Mark Deshon, Jacquee Lukawski (Secretary), Aarti Arora, Kristen Cribb, JT Fleming, Karl Hassler (Treasurer)

Membership Partners:

Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO

Mike Fortner, City of Newark

James Wilson, Bike Delaware

Upcoming Events

FirstFriday Ride on May 2

May 7 Newark Arts Alliance Garden Tour 2025

Other Rides or Events to consider for 2025.

May 2025 BikeMonth Family Ride ?

May date TBD – Legislator’s Ride

May 16 Bike to Work Day at 7:30 am in Mentor’s Circle at University of Delaware

May 22 Bike to School Day – held at Downes Elementary, meeting to be held on April 30

June 18 Everyone Gets Home summit in Dover

Updates on Projects

Newark Bicycle Plan update – May 22 public workshop, 4-7 pm.

Engineering Committee – Karl continues to inquire about a trail connector that is affected by a sewer easement.

Transportation Improvement Plan – Heather announced a call for funding proposals this summer

Decision on FirstFriday Rides in 2025: Fridays only or blended Fridays/Saturdays

Treasurer Report

Karl reported that we received a \$100 donation from Bike Delaware, one new membership and a member donation. Some printing costs from QR code postcards. Ending balance of \$2,924.81.

Updates from Partner Organizations

Bike Delaware – The Everyone Gets Home summit’s vision is to talk about traffic safety and vision zero for zero traffic deaths. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 18 in Dover on the Green. A topic of discussion will be “self-explaining” road networks, making safer roads by design. Newark has an agreement on [Transportation Improvement District \(TID\)](#) traffic level of service requirements that make improvements difficult to realize.

City of Newark – invited Dave Sokola, Marcus Henry, Tom Coleman, Mayor McDermitt, Governor Matt Meyer and others to speak. Working on developing marketing materials (flyers). Seeking nominations for Bicycle Friendly Community award. A budget of about \$300 for pastries and coffee, perhaps in conjunction with the Newark partnership.

Old and New Business

Bike to Work Day – seeking an emcee to introduce speakers, grand prize of Amish Bike tour registration, gift cards to local businesses. Rain date of Friday, May 23.

Bike information kiosks – Mark reported that one of the kiosks needs to be moved due to an incorrect location.

Bob McBride adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm

Meeting times/places schedule for 2025

Apr. 17 Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

May 15 Zoom at 7:00

June 18 in-person only mtg at Newark Bike Project at 4:30 with ride following (new date/time will be forthcoming)

July 17 Zoom at 7:00

Aug.21 Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

Sep. 18 Zoom at 7:00

Oct. 16 Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

Nov. 20 Zoom at 7:00

Dec. 18 Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30 (enables holiday celebration)