



December Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024 (In-person Meeting)

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

Member Attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Mark Deshon, Sophia Marianiello, Mara Gorman, Dave Shultz, John Bare

Partner Liaison Attendees:

WILMAPCO and Newark Bike Project: Heather Dunigan

Updates on Other Projects

- Newark Bicycle Plan
 - Heather Dunigan would like to work with Mike Fortner to set a date in late January for a workshop regarding the plan; she hopes for it to be after work in city council chambers.
 - Mark Deshon asked about what happened to the big boards from Community Day that asked what residents liked about cycling in Newark and what can be improved, Bob McBride said that he took photos of the boards and will look for those photos.
 - Karl Hassler asked if any help would be needed to conduct field reviews across the city at locations that are still unchecked. Heather said that it would, in particular if reviews include geo-tagged pictures, as she and Sophia have been doing while out and about.
 - Heather added that the work done for the Newark TID was thorough, aiding this review.
 - Mark asked if there were any updates or progress reports on BikeNewark's projects, like Wyoming Road. Heather said the city would likely know more on city issues, and advised folks to review the city's capital budget.
 - Heather emphasized that we reach out to and partner with Newark Public Works, especially with a number of new faces, especially regarding signage and detours.
 - Representative Mara Gorman asked if the city was responsible for the signage, and Bob noted that BikeNewark bought the signs, however they have not been put up. Mark added that he is frustrated with the city for not making an effort to install / replace signs.
- Newark Outdoor Recreation Project
 - Bob gave a general overview of the project and the work done by AI Whoo, the city and UD to install signs with QR-code aided wayfinding.
 - Karl asked if we could meet with Matt Saponaro to review maintenance of the signs.

Updates from Partner Organizations

- John Bare noted that Bike Delaware's intern is back at school, but they did give a presentation on bicycle-friendly intersections across the U.S.

- John noted that Delaware moved up to 7th in the League of American Bicyclists rankings, but there is still room to grow, like low ridership and high accident statistics.
- Bob noted that Caitlin Olsen from UD's government relations team sent over the Bicycle-Friendly University application, and that he understood that UD will not contribute to the application and is effectively asking if we would do it. Mark suggested that UD would need to be an active player if they want us to contribute.

Treasurer's Report

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

Beginning balance 11/22/2024		2,859.62	(0.00)	2,859.62
Additions:				
11/21/24	M Gorman		10.00	10.00
11/25/23	W Trout		5.00	5.00
11/30/24	Interest	0.02		0.02
12/1/24	Transfer PayPal-WSFS	13.53	(13.53)	0.00
Total additions		13.55	1.47	15.02
Deductions:				
11/21/24	PP fee		0.63	
11/25/24	PP fee		0.84	0.84
Total deductions		0.00	1.47	1.47
Surplus (deficit)		13.55	0.00	13.55
Ending balance 12/19/2024		\$ 2,873.17	\$ (0.00)	\$ 2,873.17
Increase(decrease) in balance 2024				\$ (604.40)

Old and New Business

- Election of BikeNewark Officers: Bob McBride was re-elected as Chair, having received 13 of the 17 votes cast. Dave Schultz received 4 votes. Michael Smith has been elected as our new Vice-Chair, having received 12 votes. Kevin Monahan received 2 votes; Jonathan "JT" Fleming also received 2 votes. Karl Hassler ran unopposed, and was re-elected as Treasurer. Jacquee Lukawski was elected Secretary, receiving 12 votes. Jonathan "JT" Fleming received 3 votes and Michael Smith 2 votes.

Adjourned at 4:47 pm
Minutes by Michael Smith