



July 2025 Monthly Meeting

July 17 7:00 pm via Zoom

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Member Attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Michael Smith (Vice-Chair), David Schultz, Jacquee Lukawski (Secretary), Aarti Arora

Partner Liaison Attendees:

Bike Delaware: John Bare

Delaware State Representative Cyndie Romer

UD Police Department Community Resource Unit – Sargeant Dan Garibaldi

Review of Recent Events

Bike to Work Day Newark. May 16 – was well attended

Bike to School Day Downes Elementary School. May 22 – some participation

Everyone Gets Home Bike DE Summit June 18 Dover, DE – John wishes all of our BikeNewark volunteers a big thank you for all of their support of the event. The summit gave a good overview of self-explaining roads

BikeNewark Meeting + Ride + Picnic June 20 – was not well attended

Updates on Projects

Newark Bicycle Plan update – Heather Dunigan is seeking input from our discussion tonight
UD Bicycle Friendly University Application due August 8 – not enough interest/capacity at university level

Engineering Committee – Karl reported that he followed up with Tim regarding the Gravenor Lane gate issues. Bikeways signage maintenance and location concerns – Mark Deshon is seeking relocation of kiosk/sign in Hillside Park to a more prominent location, which is in discussion with the city.

Discussion

Proposed Electric Scooters/Electric Bicycle Policy Recommendations for Newark Bikeways – Cyndie reported that State House Bill 114 allows provisions for state or local

agencies to limit or regulate the use of electric bicycles for safety reasons on natural surfaces. Need to define the pathways as either exclusively off-road pathways or whether they include on-road bikeways. Bob shared that Montgomery County, Maryland does not allow electric mobility devices which do not require pedaling to be on their bike paths. So far Newark hasn't had too many issues with scooters on bikeways but may in the future as scooters become more popular.

Aarti asked if electric scooters and similar devices rise in usage whether that will create demand for more multimodal pathways. Bob explained that we'll need to define which bikeways we are proposing policies for. Karl said that Newark Parks and Recreation would need to be consulted for the off-road trails. Bob said that we would want to discuss the proposed policy with the police and city council to see what trends they are noticing.

Sargeant Garabildi stated that the UD Police Department cannot enforce rules and policies but rather laws. An example of this is "Walk Your Wheels" zones on campus. UD might be seeking help and community input on drafting updated electric micromobility rules on campus.

Treasurer Report

Karl reported that we had expenses for Bike to Work Day refreshments. Also, one new membership and two donations this month. \$2,787.03 ending balance.

Updates from Partner Organizations

Bike Delaware – Delaware Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Guide – every section has a law attributed to it. Delaware Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant applications for \$10,000 to do Engineering for potential projects due at the end of August. Dee Durham of New Castle County Council is proposing a bill to eliminate the requirement for new real estate developments to have a certain minimum number of parking spaces.

Michael shared that the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will be assisting in enforcing pedestrian safety laws in Newark from mid-August to September 30 and issuing citations for infractions.

Planning for Fall Events

Newark Community Day – third Sunday in September

Bike Safety Days @ UD – two events, one in September, one in October

Special rides for new community members - This was how the idea of FirstFriday bike rides was started. It was decided that October would be a better time than September in order to promote the ride to new students starting classes this fall.

Safe cycling classes – could be offered for spring 2026, would need special insurance to offer instruction.

Old and New Business

Meeting times/places schedule for 2025

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)

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes by Jacquee Lukawski

June 2025 Treasurer Report

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| Beginning balance 5/16/2025 | | \$ 2,956.68 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,956.68 |
| Additions: | | | | |
| 5/25/2025 | Donation - W Trout | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 5/31/2025 | Interest | 0.02 | | 0.02 |
| Total additions | | 0.02 | 5.00 | 5.02 |
| Deductions: | | | | |
| 5/25/2025 | PP fee | | 0.63 | 0.63 |
| 5/27/2025 | Bike to Work Breakfast [2] | 226.50 | | 226.50 |
| Total deductions | | 226.50 | 0.63 | 227.13 |
| Surplus (deficit) | | (226.48) | 4.37 | (222.11) |
| Ending balance 6/19/2025 | | \$ 2,730.20 | \$ 4.37 | \$ 2,734.57 |

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| Beginning balance 6/20/2025 | | 2,730.20 | 4.37 | 2,734.57 |
| Additions: | | | | |
| 6/20/2025 | Membership - C Ford | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 6/20/2025 | Donation - C Ford | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| 6/25/2025 | Donation - W Trout | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 6/30/2025 | Interest | 0.03 | | 0.03 |
| 7/17/2025 | Transfer PayPal-WSFS | 56.80 | (56.80) | |
| Total additions | | 56.83 | (1.80) | 55.03 |
| Deductions: | | | | |
| various | PP fee | | 2.57 | 2.57 |
| Total deductions | | 0.00 | 2.57 | 2.57 |
| Surplus (deficit) | | 56.83 | (4.37) | 52.46 |
| Ending balance 7/17/2025 | | \$ 2,787.03 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,787.03 |