



## August 2025 Monthly Meeting

August 21, 2025 Hybrid meeting – WILMAPCO/Zoom

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Member Attendees:** Bob McBride (Chair), Karl Hassler (Treasurer), David Schultz, Jacquee Lukawski (Secretary), Mark Deshon, Kristen Cribb, Corinth Ford, J.T. Fleming

**Partner Liaison Attendees:**

UD Police Department Community Resource Unit – Sergeant Dan Garibaldi

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT): Paul Moser

Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO): Heather Dunigan

Newark Parks and Recreation: Paula Ennis

**Review of Past and Upcoming Events**

First Friday Ride – August 1 ride had 8 people attend, some of which are not from Newark. September 5 is a bit early in the academic calendar, need to publicize via facebook or similar methods.

**Updates on Projects**

Newark Bicycle Plan update – Heather stated that the draft is available for review <https://www.wilmapco.org/bikenewark/>. Will be made announced to the public for comment soon. The draft has been officially approved by the Technical Advisory Committee. There will be an environmental sustainability section added as well. The recommendations therein are AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) compliant.

Engineering Committee – The Gravenor Lane pedestrian gate originally thought to be able to be opened/completed this summer, but this has not occurred. The city is addressing drainage issues currently.

Karl suggested being in alignment with the Newark Outdoor Recreation signs and the Newark Bikeways. He is recommending that our Bikeways be linked to search results on the Outdoor Recreation website. In the future, there will be a BikeNewark link that returns the Newark Bikeways map, Point of Interest (POI) listings for each bikeway that includes a directions link. This would use a QR code. Heather suggested looking into using an app that's

already in use for biking or hiking; Karl mentioned AllTrails. Bike sign installation needs to be prioritized but also the location listings will be reorganized in terms of the city being able to install signs at each relevant site.

Bob reported that a kiosk/sign has been removed from near north campus at the Pomeroy Trail; it looks like it was chain sawed down. He will reach out to Paula.

Connector Project – Newark, Paper Mill Road, Olan Thomas Park Path: <https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T202320005>. A public meeting was held in June and construction will begin in 2026. There may still be some time to make comments and Mark and Karl will connect separately to discuss.

### **Planning for Fall Events**

Newark Community Day: Sunday, September 21 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on the Green at UD. BikeNewark usually has a booth near the city's planning department display. Newark Bike Project will be happy to share a booth with us as in past years. The rain date is September 28.

Bike Safety Days @ UD: Tuesday, September 23 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 1 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm to be held on the UD Green, just north of Delaware Avenue. UD PD will need to be present throughout each time frame due to university policy.

Bob proposes that we promote the October FirstFriday bike ride at UD Bike Safety Day and Community Day to new community members.

Since FirstFriday is so early in the Academic year

Safe Cycling classes - We will consider organizing these for spring/fall 2026. Heather mentioned that in the meantime, individuals can visit Newark Bike Project and connect with Benjamin for learning how to ride.

### **Discussion of Scooter/ E-bike Policy Recommendations (continued)**

Electric Scooters/Electric Bicycle Policy Recommendations for Newark Bikeways – definitions of mobile devices (Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes and low speed scooters versus motor scooters) are laid out in the Newark Bicycle Plan draft document on page 55, which will be helpful for everyone to review ahead of next month's meeting. Anyone can make and view public comments directly on the pdf that's linked earlier in this document.

Suggestions for enforceable rules - Heather recommends that we start with the state bill once the Governor has approved: <https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/142089>

The State laws allow for municipalities to create more stringent regulations, for example, the city parks and recreation department restricts the speed on park properties to 15 miles per hour. Any recommendations Bike Newark would make would be in alignment with state law and city code and communicated clearly with the public for their education.

### **Treasurer Report**

Karl reported that we had WordPress expenses, one donation, and one new membership in the past month, with an ending balance of \$2,752.58.

### **Updates from Partner Organizations**

WILMAPCO – See Updates on Projects section

DelDOT – Paul inquired about whether Bike Newark plans to submit any proposals for the Bikeways Innovation Grant through the Delaware Bicycle Council, which is due on August 31. Heather suggested that the group review the draft Newark Bicycle Plan and perhaps pull a project from there. Any proposal would need to be approved of and submitted by the city.

## Old and New Business

### Upcoming 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 8:05 pm

Minutes by Jacquee Lukawski

### July 2025 Treasurer Report

Beginning balance 7/18/2025		2,787.03	0.00	2,787.03
Additions:				
7/25/2025	Donation - W Trout		5.00	
7/31/2025	Interest	0.02		0.02
8/9/2025	Membership - D Lawson		10.00	
8/21/2025	Transfer PayPal-WSFS	13.53	(13.53)	
Total additions		13.55	1.47	15.02
Deductions:				
7/21/2025	M Deshon- Wordpress 2025 [3]	48.00		48.00
various	PP fee	[4]	1.47	1.47
Total deductions		48.00	1.47	49.47
Surplus (deficit)		(34.45)	0.00	(34.45)
Ending balance 8/21/2025		\$ 2,752.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,752.58