



## January 2026 Monthly Meeting January 15, 2026 via Zoom

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Member Attendees:** Bob McBride (Chair), Mark Deshon, Karl Hassler (Treasurer), Corinth Ford, Sophia Marianiello, Michael Smith (Vice Chair), Karen Rosenberg JT Fleming

**Partnership Liaison Attendees:** Matt MacNichol, UDPD; John Bare. BikeDE. Paula Martinson Newark Parks& Recreation

### Updates on Projects

#### Engineering Committee

NE Bikeway signing plan was finalized by Mark and submitted to the City for purchase in January. Mark is also re-designing the data schema for bikeway signage:

There are about 174 sign locations planned on all bikeways. Sign locations+numbers are unique to each bikeway, but are duplicated within bikeways (e.g. there is a location A, sign #1 for each bikeway)

Karl suggested that each sign has unique ID number across all bikeways

This should make bikeway sign maintenance more straightforward.

Newark Recreation signage QR codes do not include nearby bikeways in the results returned by scanning the QR code for each zone (5 zones). Karl needs to touch base with Matt S to determine the practicability of adding a Newark Bikeway link to the QR results of each zone.

Currently, the pdfs for each bikeway map posted in the 4 kiosks are unique due to the *You are Here* indicators. When Karl re-did the kiosk maps, he failed to appreciate this subtle texture, and installed them in the wrong locations. He subsequently corrected his transgression.

To simplify ongoing poster maintenance, an option to consider would be to eliminate the unique label in the pdf file and use a pin with a labelled flag on each map. All maps would use the same pdf and could be interchanged if needed.

City staff have been informed repeatedly of needed signage installations for missing/new signs. Corri is willing to follow up with the City staff on the prioritization needed to complete the installation process. BikeNewark volunteers are available to assist.

Motorists exiting parking lots onto DE Ave thru the cycletrack often fail to look left for oncoming cyclists, since motor vehicle traffic is only coming from their right. Signs alerting drivers to look both ways are installed. Signage needs to be reviewed and assessed for needed enhancements. (Eng Comm)

BN Membership Update about 39% have renewed (of 46).

## **Treasurer Report**

Nov/Dec 2025

Closed as of 12/18/25 (cash basis) \$185 in memberships. Paid \$75 LAB membership Expense for LAB Insurance \$522 and DE Franchise \$25 to be paid in next few months. Membership web page does not offer a donations option, nor is a donation option included in the membership payment process. It was suggested that we include one. Mark will investigate adding this option to the membership web page.

## **Updates from Partner Organizations**

### **Newark Parks and Recreation**

BikeCamp is to be offered this summer through Wooden Wheels dates TBD  
Slightly Slow Mtg Bike Ride on Sunday in May 3 also by Wooden Wheels

### **Other Bike Events**

Salesianum School sponsors a mountain bike camp at Brandywine Creek State park 7/13-16/2026 from 8:30-12:30 OPEN TO ALL RIDERS in middle and high school. This is not a NICA camp. Attendees not in a NICA club will be given information about the NICA team in their area. Karl conducts a bike maintenance track where attendees get hands-on experience in the ABCDE's of bike maintenance.

### **BikeDE Update**

Truth in E-Bike Marketing Act being worked on by BikeDE and area legislators

NJ is working on a controversial, confusing, contradictory licensing bill for eBikes that was hastily advanced on the last day of their legislative session. People for Bikes and other advocacy organizations are working vigorously to sideline the bill as written.

BikeDE is hoping to have a less onerous set of rules applying to DE bikeways

Including: clear definitions of E-vehicles that coordinate nationally

Asking Rep Cindy Romer and Rep Mara Gorman to co-sponsor bill.

John will arrange to share the draft legislation with BikeNewark members

May 7 is BikeDE Statewide Bike Pedestrian Summit conference all day in Dover

Corri mentioned that the City Solicitor for Newark is investigating legislation for control E-Vehicles and needs some information on how to approach this. He has seen the Wilmington code and needs other views. Newark is trying to be coordinated with other legislative efforts in NC County Wilmington, and other cities/counties. John cautioned against inadvertently creating conflicting and confusing eBike classifications and advised that existing classifications in use be adopted.

Corri mentioned the planning meetings for the Newark City Comprehensive Plan which looks at objectives over the next 10 years which are online to be followed by in-person meetings.

BikeNewark should be incorporated into the planning process by participating as individuals and as organizations. Group should address Freeman Williams as Chair of this Committee.

Please send copy of draft Bicycle Plan to Corri through WILMAPCO

Corri also hoped that we could make the Bicycle Friendly Community LAB Advisory steps part of the Newark Comprehensive Plan so that we continue to add amenities and keep our Silver Status.

Sen Dave Sokola is retiring from Legislature this year we should probably recognize this Service with an award. Perhaps a lifetime achievement award.

**Review of Accomplishments for 2025**

We reviewed the circulated accomplishments and edited the document to reflect what was accomplished and not in order to plan future activities.

**Proposed Goals for 2026**

First attempt at defining goals for this year: goals sheet edited. We will distribute the edited version with a look at reducing the number of goals to an achievable list that we can monitor regularly during the year

**Old and New Business**

**April 18. Truck Pull/Slow Bike Race** as part of AEtNAHH&L Fire Company fund raiser on Academy Street. Corri invited members to participate as a team in either event.

Organizing a meeting week of Jan 28 at 11am at Municipal Bldg if you can help.

**Next Meeting:** February 19 2026 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

**Upcoming Meeting Times and Places for 2026**

January	15 2026	4:30pm
February	19	4:00 pm
March	19	4:00 pm
April	16	TBD
May	21	TBD
June	18	Ride and Pizza

Minutes by Robert McBride