

Newark Bicycle Committee
June 17, 2010, 4:00-5:00 pm
Wilmington Area Planning Council

Minutes

In attendance

Bob Bennett
Trevor Booz
Charlie Emerson
Dan LaCombe (for Anthony Aglio)
Rich LaPointe
Jeff Riegner

Not in attendance

Rachel Anderson
Howard Brown
Alan Coffey
Heather Dunigan
Mike Fortner
Cindy Genau
Jim Grimes
Steve Hegedus
Jerry Kauffman
Willett Kempton
Kate Kitchener
Drew Knab
Patrick McCloskey
Sally Miller
Linda Russell
Lt. George Stanko
Frank Warnock
Arthur Wicks
Amy Wilburn
Rich Willy
James Wilson

Introductions

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm. Jeff provided the attendees copies of our Bicycle Friendly Community award feedback. The key recommendations are as follows:

- Update and fully implement the comprehensive bike plan and continue to close gaps in the cycling network. Pay special attention to reaching underserved populations and the university community.
- Expand encouragement efforts during Bike Month starting with a public proclamation. Document and track Bike to Work Day participation and set annual goals. Improve the numbers by hosting a Mayor-led ride during one of the signature community events.

- Ensure that law enforcement officers are educated on traffic law as it relates to bicyclists and best practices in targeted enforcement. Provide opportunities for ongoing training on accommodating bicyclists for engineering, planning staff, and law enforcement. Consider hosting a Smart Cycling course for city staff to better understand cyclists' needs, behavior, and their right to use city streets as well as multi-use paths for transportation.
- Increase bicycling education opportunities for children and adults. Scheduling bike safety classes for adults could be an easy way to encourage and educate residents to ride more often and having instructors is key. Host an LCI seminar to train League Cycling Instructors. Contact the League offices or visit <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/education/> for information on upcoming seminars. Both adult and child classes can be taught by League Cycling Instructors. Having local instructors will enable the community to expand cycling education, to be cycling ambassadors, to deliver education to motorists, provide cycling education to adults, and have an expert to assist in encouragement programs.

Encouragement group (Rachel Anderson, Mike Fortner, and Frank Warnock)

- The Bicycle Friendly Community award will be presented to Mayor and Council at the June 28 meeting. Mike Fortner will provide the award materials and Jeff will speak. Charlie suggested that a future workshop with Council invited could help get the members behind planned projects.
- Dan provided information on bike sharing at Delaware state parks. A partnership between State Parks and the City of Newark may be worth pursuing. The group thought that a hub in the vicinity of Main Street and the Pomeroy Trail would be a good idea. Jeff will call both Bike Line and Wooden Wheels to mention the potential for a bike sharing program and to ask them if they will actively participate in the Committee's activities.
- Jeff presented the results of the Newark Night survey (attached). He noted that the Committee is currently working on all of the issues raised by respondents.
- Charlie noted that State Parks will present an update on the White Clay Creek State Park trail plan during the Committee's August 19 meeting. Bob noted that the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park are concerned about bikes dominating state park trails.

Infrastructure group (Anthony Aglio, Charlie Emerson, Rich LaPointe, and Jeff Riegner)

- Bob, based on his experience in seeking alternative bike routes in downtown Newark, suggested that UD be asked about a northbound bike lane on the Trabant University Center driveway. The group discussed the potential for a map of unofficial or alternative bike routes in Newark.

Parking group (Heather Dunigan and Frank Warnock)

- Dan has not received an update on procuring new bike racks for Main Street. It is still DelDOT's hope that they will be provided to the City this summer.

Education group (Cindy Genau, Arthur Wicks, Rich Willy) and **Enforcement group** (Jim Grimes and George Stanko)

- No discussion.

New business

- Given vacation schedules in the summer, Jeff will contact committee members to see if they are able to attend the next scheduled meeting on July 15. He will also inform everyone about the State Parks presentation on August 19.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.