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Bike Delaware Meeting Notes - DRAFT

July 7, 2008

Call To Order 5:30 PM – Amy Wilburn Vice Chair

Delaware Bicycle Council Update

Amy Wilburn was elected as the new Chair of the Delaware Bicycle Council

The DBC is having a meeting to plan the logistics on 7/15. The actual planning meeting to develop goals, vision, action points, etc. will be in the fall, probably in November. It will be followed up as necessary by additional meetings in January/February. We want to have the platform developed before the Bike Summit and to use it when we lobby/meet with officials so that we are organized and consistent in our efforts. We hope to invite every organization that has a stake in biking to the meeting, so I'll be interested in any input folks have as to who should be invited so that we can be comprehensive. We'll ask each organization to send one to three people to represent their interests and hope that the organizations will meet ahead of time to figure out their priorities, etc. before the meeting.

We brought up Hagley and Winterthur in order to get more extensive involvement at events. The biking community in DE can be kind of splintered. Hagley is open to biking every Wednesday evening in July and August from 5 to 8 PM. The DBC will be there to promote safety on 7/30. The Winterthur ride will be on Wednesday 8/13 at 5:30 PM.

WILMAPCO Update - Heather Dunigan
Active Transportation 2010 Campaign proposal

Rails to Trails Conservancy campaign for Non Motorized Transportation Plan-

Goal is for \$50 Million in 50 Cities/Metro Areas to do comprehensive bike ped planning and implementation. Similar to programs now running in Sheboygan WI, Minneapolis MN, Columbia MO and Marin County, CA.

Looking for Congressional Approval in the Next Transportation Bill. Lobbying for the program will be the key for its success

Northern Delaware Heritage Coalition – Draft Plan linking historic and cultural assets without a car.
<http://WILMAPCO.org/ndhc>

Coalition partners include NCC and NPS ECG DE, Pencader Heritage, Brandywine Hundred, Marshallton, Wilmington and Western RR

Pomeroy Trail Public Workshop - linking transportation and history to biking stations historical information dorms at north campus to the Hall Trail. 2011 1.8 miles first phase

Overwhelming letters set aside in Bike Ped planning director very interested in the comments. There was no drastic action taken but the bike ped community is now recognized as a voice that must be dealt with. Another comment period will be available for the next TIP Update in 2009.

Urban Bike Project Update – Brian Windle

Bike repairs, there is a waiting list UBP is completely swamped

No further break ins reported.

New Treasurer – Carol Ireland volunteered to be the Bike Delaware Treasurer. Brian will complete setup of the bank account. Mail is being forwarded to the Urban Bike Project.

501 C3 and Incorporation Needs

Bylaws – John to provide BCGP's bylaws as an example

An Attorney is needed to do Pro Bono Work. It was later suggested that we contact Mike Bonkawski. At Saul-Ewing LLC

Sussex County Update

Mike Tyler and Tony Pezone

Rick Barros introduced himself, he will be serving as a liaison between Sussex Cyclists and Bike Delaware.

Safety Pit Stops - It was reported that fewer cyclists appear to riding along Route 1. Rick noted that he has observed more walking.

Good support this year from the state police

100 bicycles were given away , but there were plenty of substandard poorly maintained bikes being ridden.

First pit stop was set up on the J&B trail mainly tourists and not many of the international students.

Cyclists eager to get the lights to and from work at light and I seen lights at night. Police have issued summonses for bicycling without lights and word has spread quickly within the community.

Local articles were being published in the local beach publications citing cycling safety rules of the road every week.

Maintenance - There is a concern that DelDOT is taking away bike lanes when a developer makes changes to the road design. There is also an issue with maintenance such as not refreshment bike markings.

DelDOT has also increased the speed limit on Route 1 from 35 to 45 miles per hour. Sussex Cyclists remains firmly opposed to the shared bike/bus/right turn lane.

Who is the contact - Anthony Aglio State Bike Pedestrian Coordinator

Each county has a person assigned to development proposals

Rick Barros asked as to whom is on the Transportation Committee. Suggested to send a letter and stating we really have concerns and copy person in charge at DeIDOT.

Concrete Islands – Frank Warnock

Concrete Islands at intersections are taking away shoulder space. The current design increases odds of a fatality for cyclists swerving in avoidance. There are also similar problems with paint refreshment.

Action Items

Frank will continue to submit photos of problem areas

Amy will discuss the problem with Anthony Aglio

A PowerPoint Presentation will be created to educate State agencies and elected officials

Bicycling in the Driving Manual

Rick Barros will seek more information about cycling into the drivers manual.

Delaware Bike Summit

Mike Katz would like to invite speakers in locations with active in making immediate changes to the bicycling environment such as NYCDOT or DDOT in Washington.

Add it Implementation couple look at a city that LAB

Fundraising and Logistics WILMAPCO and Dover-Kent MPO are interested in the event

Delaware State was mentioned as a possible meeting location and potential conference partner.

Action Item - A conference call with reps from the sponsoring MPO's DBC, DELDOT and Bike Delaware and other stakeholders will be arranged in August.

Meeting Adjourned 7:05 PM