



**Delaware Bicycle Council
February 1, 2012
DeIDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Representative
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Judi Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
James Ireland, DE Greenways & Trails Council
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative
Amy Wilburn, Chair & At- Large Representative
Mike Tyler, At-Large Representative

DeIDOT Support Staff

Anthony Aglio, Bicycle Coordinator DeIDOT
Kari Glanden, Administrative Support DeIDOT
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DeIDOT

Members Absent

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Allison Kirk, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Ted Williams, Council & Transportation

Guests Present

Rich Vetter, Dover/Kent MPO
Kate Layton, Dover/Kent MPO
John Bare, Bike DE
James Wilson, Bike DE
Kim O'Malley, Risk Watch/ DSFS
Sarah Coakley, DeIDOT
Brett Taylor, DeIDOT

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

All members introduced themselves and Amy Wilburn welcomed both members and guests to the meeting.

II. Minutes

Mike Tyler and Bud Heberling had a meeting about article content and would like that information to be added to last meeting minutes. The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Roger Roy to accept the minutes with the above reference change and the motion was 2nd by Fran Cardaci.

III. Event Announcements

Delaware Bicycle Summit (Recap)

The next bicycle summit will be held in the fall of 2012. The summit committee is trying to coordinate with the Amish Bicycle Tour. If it is possible to hold the summit prior to the Amish Bike Tour weekend of September 8th, 2012. The next summit planning meeting will be February 14, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Smyrna Diner. Anyone from the council who can attend is encouraged to do so.

National Bike Summit, March 20-22, 2012

Jim Ireland is going to take control of scheduling the lobbying meetings. We are asking any members who can attend from the council on lobbying day to please attend in support. The Delaware Bicycle Council is going to pay for Jim Ireland to attend on the councils behalf. If anyone from the council is going to attend, please inform Jim so he can coordinate with you. Jim has also received the information packet on February 1st, 2012 so you can also contact him with questions.

Sarah Coakley, DeIDOT Safe Routes to School Program

Sarah Coakley, DeIDOT's Safe Routes to School Coordinator attended and announced a new event for the 2012 year. Bike to School inaugural event will unveil on May 9th, 2012. There is funding available for the new event. April 2nd, 2012 the website will be launched for schools to register to participate in this event. Schools who register on the website will be put into a drawing to win a free bicycle rack for the school. The goal for having schools register is to get resources for the event out to the local schools. The questions was asked if support will be at the schools? Yes, DeIDOT is working on an event for the 9th. The Dover/Kent MPO asked to also be kept abreast of the information as they would also like to participate. Mike Tyler would like to get the Shields school in Lewes involved. Senator Sokola has also been in contact with DeIDOT to participate with a school as part of the legislators ride. There are numerous bike rodeos happening in the month of May as part of this event. The event doesn't have to be on May 9th, 2012. Members are asked to email Anthony Aglio or Sarah Coakley if you

have an event for Bike to School Day. anthony.aglio@state.de.us
sarah.coakley@state.de.us

Funding Pool

Brett Taylor attended the meeting and announced the council that a funding letter is coming. The funding amount has not been set as of yet but it will be incorporated as part of the \$10 Million for allotted projects. Maintenance will also be in a trust fund. Amy asked the council to put together a list of possible projects by the April meeting. Members were also asked to volunteer for a working group to work on a list of projects and qualifying criteria. Jim Ireland, Mike Tyler, Mike Krumrine, Kate Taylor and Amy Wilburn volunteered to be a part of this working group. All council members were asked to submit projects to be considered by early March. Ask other cycling groups and municipalities to also submit ideas. Possibly look at level 3 areas that are close to existing parks and trails. Brett Taylor asked the council why funding has to be 6 different pools and why the pools can't be combined. Brett is not adverse to having separate funding pools but needs solid justification as to why we would like them split. The idea was discussed not to make the request so rigid, as that could limit the ability to spend the allotted amount. Anthony Aglio asked the council to have information on suggested criteria submitted to him by the end of February. Jim Ireland is going to send out the Greenways criteria to reference.

Webpage

Anthony Aglio passed around dashboard information on how many hits per month the website gets. Kate Layton submitted an article for submission for the month. No one has submitted articles or information to be posted to the site. Tom Felice will submit an article. Amy Wilburn will submit an article on the laws. Bud Heberling asked if we should have our own Facebook site to put our articles and events on. Brett Taylor chimed in and suggested the council contact Jason Lang (Jason.lang@state.de.us / 302-760-2146) about social media. DelDOT has a Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and You Tube pages that the council could post content on. Amy asked the web-subcommittee about this and asked them to report back their findings at the April meeting. Amy also suggested that the recent laws that have been passed be published on the website for view. She also mentioned adding Thank-You letters that have been sent to the Governor and Secretary Bhatt to be included. Having a brochure made for the parks and visitor centers was also mentioned.

Suggestions for future event rides:

- Judy will check with Hagley Museum to see a Bike and Hike
- Pomeroy Trail in Newark opens in late summer
- Indian River Inlet Bridge when it is completely open
- Gordon's Pond
- Looking for short ride ideas (10 miles max)
- DBC Meeting with a ride to follow

Legislative Ride – The legislator’s ride will be held on May 9th, 2012. The council voted on having the Biking Blue Hen’s bus for the return ride to NCC. Judy Jeffers made the motion and no one opposed. National Bike to School day is also May 9th and we will be combining with the Legislator’s ride for this event. Anthony also mentioned Bike DE’s event and if they wanted to coordinate to be part of the Legislator’s Ride and National Bike to School day that we needed a commitment from them ASAP.

Events

Bike to Work Day will be May 18th, 2012 which is also National Bike to Work Day. Last year there were events in Newark and Wilmington. Mark Deshaun has designed the t-shirt for this year. This year events will be held in Lewes, Newark, Wilmington and Dover. DelDOT will be focusing on events in the Dover area. Secretary Bhatt may possibly be participating a ride from his home. We are looking for a large group to gather at the DelDOT facility. Mike Tyler will get the information to us for the Lewes bike to work event, Newark and Wilmington will be working on other respective events.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

LAB Bicycle Friendly State Application

In January the application was released for League of American Bicyclist Bicycle Friendly State ranking application. A committee was formed to work on this application. The application is shorter this year. The committee to work on the application is made up of Jim Ireland, Mike Krumrine, John Bare, Frank, and James Wilson. The committee will meet February 8th, 2012, 6:00p.m. at McGlynn’s in the Polly Drummond Shopping Center. James Ireland will call McGlynn’s and set up the meeting space.

Re-Election of DBC Chair

Jim Ireland nominated Amy Wilburn to be the Chair for the 2012 year. Amy Wilburn accepted and no one opposed this nomination.

Pomeroy Trail Signal

James Ireland brought up a discussion regarding the Pomeroy Trail Crossing (in construction) at the Cleveland Avenue / Paper Mill Road intersection. There is a concern that trail use will be high and the intersection as designed will encourage cyclists to make illegal or unadvised maneuvers when crossing. The plans were presented to the Council and as designed trail users would need to cross as pedestrians, needing to stage twice on islands and cross two free right turns. Since the trail is not open yet we cannot determine or study the behaviors yet. However we do feel that this trail will generate a high amount of use and that this is a real concern.

James discussed some new technologies that might be available through his research. He has contacted Pennoni Engineering the engineers that worked on the trail and has gotten positive feedback on video detection signal systems that have worked in other areas.

James' emails regarding this system were sent to DelDOT Traffic Section for review. Additionally Anthony recommended that James work with the city to determine the need for the signal upgrade as this was a city TE project that was designed by the engineer that the city hired through a DelDOT review process.

March 14th, 2012

There will be a meeting with Secretary Bhatt, Amy Wilburn will forward the information about the meeting to the council.

Safety Issue Raised

Roger Roy voiced a safety concern in Rehoboth Rt. 1/ Church Street crosswalk. Twenty foot from the intersection is where the crosswalk is located; people coming out of Church Street see the road is clear but because of the crosswalks location they cannot see the pedestrians in the crosswalk.

THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 6:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING April 4th, 2012