



Delaware Bicycle Council
April 3, 2019
Felton-Farmington Conference Room
Meeting Notes

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Representative
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Tom Felice, DelDOT Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Richard Klepner, Office of Highway Safety
Roger Roy, At Large Representative
Mike Tyler, At Large Representative
Mike Wagner, Department of Education
James Wilson, At Large Representative

Members Absent

Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative
Marty Lessner, Council & Transportation
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
Lt. Jeff Whitmarsh, DE State Police Representative

DelDOT Support Staff

John Fiori, Bicycle Coordinator, DelDOT

Guests

Chris Asay, Public
Bruce Kauffman, DelDOT
Jim Sullivan, DNREC

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Hartley. The quorum was met for the meeting. The Council members introduced themselves to the guests.

Minutes/Agenda Review:

The Council reviewed and made corrections to the meeting minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Walt Bryan motioned to accept the February meeting minute and Roger Roy seconded the motion. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

II. Public Comment

John Fiori announced for Phase 2 of the Georgetown to Lewes Trail the tentative date for the ribbon cutting is on June 3rd with additional details to follow. This phase of the project is from Savannah Road to Log Cabin Road in Sussex County. The ceremony is trying to be scheduled at the Lewes Senior Center which is next to the trail. John T. Fiori will recommend to Community Relations to have a bike ride either before or after the ribbon cutting.

John Fiori announced that May is Bike Month and is working on getting bike events posted on the Delaware Bicycle Council website. The annual Legislatures ride that Senator Sokola sponsors has been scheduled for Wednesday May 8th. Groups from New Castle and Sussex will ride and meet at Legislature Hall around 11:45 a.m. Also the DelDOT/Dover Bike to Work Day and Ride of Silence have been scheduled for Wednesday May 15th.

Fred Breukelman announced he is retiring from the State and the Delaware Bicycle Council. The Council thanked Fred for his years of service on the Bicycle Council.

Mack Cochran announced that he was contacted by the Mid-Atlantic Greenways & Trails Summit which is being held in Philadelphia and they are asking for volunteers to help with the summit. If anyone was interested to call (703) 727-8139.

III. New Business

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4):

Jim Sullivan with DNREC made a presentation on how to work with the municipalities and communities to improve their water quality. The emphasis of this program is to use vegetation as part of a conveyance system. The water would be absorbed by the vegetation and any excess water would be conveyed to a storm drain system. DNREC would like to be involved in the planning process of trail projects to determine if MS4 could be used. It is very expensive to install this system after a sidewalk or trail has been constructed. If involved early in planning/design this system could be added to the project and would save money and have multiple benefits. John T. Fiori will discuss with Jeff Niezgoda and Anthony Aglio to let them know of the idea and to see if Jim can be added to the plan review list for trails and pathway projects.

Discuss & Vote on the FY2020 DBC Budget:

Tom Hartley went over the draft FY2020 budget. Between FY2019 and FY2020 a couple changes have been made. The draft budget did not include sending any members to conferences. The innovation grant is to remain at \$20,000.00, although a request was submitted by Tom Hartley to Secretary Cohen to increase the grant from \$20k to \$30k. The bicycle lights fund is \$7,000.00, Bike Month T-Shirt fund is \$3,500.00 and bike parts increased from \$3,600 to \$6,600.00. Tom Hartley entertained the motion to accept the FY2020 DBC Budget contingent on approval of the Bond Bill. Michael Wagner made a motion pending approval on the Bond Bill and Mike Tyler seconded the motion. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

FY2020 Delaware Bicycle Council Budget	
Travel	\$900.00
Contractual Services	\$22,000.00
Bicycle Grant	\$20,000.00
Other Services	\$2,000.00
Supplies	\$17,100.00
Bicycle Lights	\$7,000.00
Bike Month T-Shirts	\$3,500.00
Bike Parts and Supplies	\$6,600.00
Total FY2020 Budget	\$40,000.00

Vote on Bicycle Route 1 Working Group:

At the February meeting those who volunteered to be on the Bicycle Route 1 Working Group were; Tom Hartley, Mike Tyler and Chris Asay. Although Marty Lessner was not present, he was recommended for the group. However the Council did not vote to approve the working group. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the Bicycle Route 1 Working Group. Mike Wagner made the motion to accept and James Wilson seconded the motion. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Vote on Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant Working Group:

At the February meeting those who volunteered to be on the Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant Working Group were; Walt Bryan, Mike Krumrine, James Wilson, Michael Wagner and Scott Hoffman with Walt being the Chairperson. However the Council did not vote to approve the working group. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the Innovation Grant Working Group. Roger Roy made the motion to accept and Mike Tyler seconded the motion. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2019 Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant Application:

John Fiori stated that the applications will be sent out to all municipalities and the three county offices on or by Friday April 12th and the deadline would be June 30th, which would provide 3-months for the applicant to fill out the application. John T. Fiori asked the Council if there were any concerns with the application. James Wilson requested the grant amount be removed and add previously awarded projects with the grant amount. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the

application with removing the grant amount and add previously awarded projects. Michael Wagner made a motion not to add a financial amount and add previous grants and Walt Bryan seconded the motion. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2019 Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit

James Wilson made a presentation for the 2019 Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit. The theme is, “Dutch Ideas for Delaware”, where experts from the Netherlands will discuss ideas for bicycling in Delaware. This summit will bring people together from all over the world; new ideas and intellectual challenges; cool people and networking. At this year’s summit two bikes will be given away.



Cape Henlopen Drive:

Although not an agenda item, Mike Tyler wanted to discuss a concern at Theodore C. Freeman Memorial Highway and Cape Henlopen Drive in Lewes. DNREC recently completed a trail on the decommissioned railroad line from Cape Henlopen State Park to the canal with a connection to American Legion Road. At Theodore C. Freeman Memorial Highway where the trail crosses, Bicycle/Pedestrian warning signs were installed with rectangular rapid flashing beacons. A button would be pushed that would turn on the flashing beacons that would alert motorists of a bicyclist/pedestrian crossing the road. Soon after the installation the buttons and flashing beacons were removed. The concern is now there will be a lot bicyclist that are going to be crossing this road with no protection. Theodore C. Freeman Memorial Highway is not a DelDOT roadway but is maintained by the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA). John T. Fiori indicated that this crossing will be studied during the summer season and the results will be presented to DRBA. Until the study is completed, it was suggested that the Council send a letter to DRBA expressing their concern on the removal of the flashing beacons.

Tom Hartley entertained a motion to adjourn. Roger Roy motioned and James Wilson seconded the motion at 7:00 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 5, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Felton-Farmington Room.