



**Delaware Bicycle Council  
December 7, 2011  
DeIDOT Administration Building  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Representative  
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative  
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative  
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative  
Judi Jeffers, At-Large Representative  
Amy Wilburn, Chair & At- Large Representative  
James Ireland, DE Greenways Council  
Mike Tyler, At-Large Representative  
Tom Felice, DeIDOT Representative

**DeIDOT Support Staff**

Anthony Aglio, Bicycle Coordinator DeIDOT  
Kari Glanden, Administrative Support DeIDOT

**Members Absent**

Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative  
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative  
Allison Kirk, Office of Highway Safety  
John Ray, Department of Education  
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative  
Ted Williams, Council & Transportation  
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative  
Lisa Lasher, Delaware Greenways  
Amy Hughes, NMSS- Delaware Chapter

**Guests Present**

Bill Batcher, Trail Spinners  
James Wilson, Bike DE

**The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm**

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

All members introduced themselves and Amy Wilburn welcomed them to the meeting

## **II. Event Announcements**

### Delaware Bicycle Summit (Recap)

Approximately 150 people attended the summit at the Lewes Virden Center. Approximately 40 people who registered did not attend but we had approximately 20 walk-ins. The Statewide Trail System was announced. Governor Markell skyped in to speak about the Trail Initiative and to support the Summit. Responses from the summit have been good. Everyone agreed the food and speakers were great. They wished for more break times and a larger facility to accommodate more. October 2012 has been proposed for the next summit. Possible location choices mentioned were Polytech, Modern Maturity Center and DelTech Conference Center. The council asked for more assistance with planning the summit. Mike Tyler will bring this up to Sussex Cyclist meeting and see if he can find some help.

### National Bike Summit, March 20-22, 2012

Amy Wilburn is asking for someone to coordinate Delaware's meeting with delegates. She is looking for members to help on lobbying day at the National Bicycle Summit in Washington DC. Marc Churra could not get interest from the board to help with this so now he will check with people internally.

Amy Wilburn asked council members to attend the summit on 3/22/12 if possible. This will show support for bicycle funding in regard to the passing of a new transportation bill. Registration is \$275.00 for all three days. The lobbying day is free. Anthony Aglio is looking into the availability of using DBC funds to cover expenses of one council member to attend.

### Webpage

The council is looking for members to take turns writing and submitting articles each month as part of a "featured article" section on the website. The council is asking for any bike clubs to submit their list of event rides. Any other organization holding a bike ride is also asked to let us know so we can post it on the site. The council would like to assign topics to its members so different topics will be covered. Amy Wilburn the council to come up with suggested topic lists. Trail Spinners will submit their ride schedule. The virtual bike map will be located on the webpage. Currently, the prototype is located at [www.bikemap.com/de](http://www.bikemap.com/de) Anthony Aglio asked the council to take a look, navigate around with this and send comments back to him by December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. *As of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 no one had commented/responded to Anthony's request. Thanks to Kate Layton of the Dover/Kent MPO a new article has been posted on the development of the Dover/Kent bicycle plan. Some worthy articles for this month could include voting to purchase bicycles for the Delaware Trail Spinners and attempting to reestablish the Bicycle/Pedestrian Funding Pool.*

### **III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS (out of order from agenda)**

#### Driver's Ed Update

Sgt. Heberling has made more changes to the power point presentation. He feels that currently it lacks emotion or a story to grab the audience's attention. He asked that if any of the council members has a story/scenario that may fill this gap to please send the information to him. Sgt. Heberling, Amy Wilburn and Judi Jeffers will be setting up a meeting to go over the teacher's guide so they will have something to bring back to the council at the February meeting. The target timeframe is September 2012 so it can be implemented in the new driving curriculum classes.

#### Publicizing Recent Laws

The council discussed writing articles and submitting them to the Delaware News Journal and other papers about laws citizens aren't aware of. Amy would like these articles published in the health section of local newspapers and on the council's website. Sgt. Heberling will send Anthony Aglio an article on Three-Foot law to be posted on the site prior to bike month. There was a mention to put the bike laws on the virtual bike map. This would allow the laws to always be easily available. Amy Wilburn will write the vulnerable users article. The question on how to publicize the laws easier was raised. Some suggestions included: messages on the variable message boards, put kiosks at local Universities and State Parks, request the local bike clubs post the information on their sites, hand out law pamphlets at State Parks with purchase of a annual pass/admission sticker, and posters displayed in local bicycle shops.

#### Statewide Trail Update

DelDOT will be working on selected projects in each county.

#### New Castle

- C and D Canal –
  - Phase 1 a construction bid package will go out to bid this month, this section is from a point just west of the marina to Delaware City Canal
  - Phase 2 from the terminus near the Delaware City Canal to SR 9 has been given approval to be studied and preliminary designed. This is proposed to start early this year.
- Pomeroy Trail in Newark is under construction
- East Coast Green Connection along 273 from ferry Cutoff to US 13 is proposed for design; the design should start within the next 2 months.
- New Castle Industrial Track
  - Section from Prison to bank of Christina River is under development (NCC)

- Feasibility Study on Christina Crossing to Environmental Center to be completed in February 2012.
- Funding has been requested to determine a suitable crossing of the river connecting trail to Peterson Wildlife Center.
- The connection from the Little League Fields to the Prison will need to be coordinated with the DRBA 295/US 13 bridge and ramp projects in 2015.
- Additionally a crossing of 273 is being considered at the southern end into New Castle

#### Kent County

- Connection from St. Jones Trail to Silver Lake is being studied to select a possible alignment, Dover/Kent MPO heading study. The Capital Bikeway is also being discussed with this study.
- Coordination with DelDOT design team to connect Shutte Park with Breaknock Park via the West Dover Connector is underway. This trail could serve as a spine connecting Dover and Camden with future connections to the St. Jones Trail, Air Force Base, and Capital Bikeway.

#### Sussex County

- We have just started to look at a non-intrusive design connecting the Junction Breakwater Trail from Gills Neck Road to Front Street. Basically running near Gills Neck to connection of Cape Henlopen to Georgetown alignment.
- Georgetown to Lewes – a first phase design will begin shortly. This section is extends from Kings Highway to the Gill Neck Road/ Junction Breakwater connection.

#### Trail Spinners Presentation

Bill Batcher from Delaware Trail Spinners gave a brief presentation on the Mountain Biking 101 Course that the Trial Spinners facilitate. They asked the council for a donation to help purchase bicycles for the children who show up for the classes without a bicycle or one that fits properly. He asked for \$1500.00 enough money for 6 bicycles. He stated that class size ranges from 15-20 people. They held 8 events last year and had approximately 60 attendees. Mike Tyler suggested checking with thrift shops for bicycles to purchase. Walt Bryan made the motion of the council to purchase 6 bicycles for the Delaware Trail Spinners. Judi Jeffers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Bike Helmet Purchase Request

A motion to purchase 10 cases of bike helmets was also made by Amy Wilburn and seconded by Walt Bryan. All were in favor. Twelve helmets will be donated to DE Trail Spinners to be used for their Mountain Biking 101 Course. Helmets will also be used for New Castle Safe Kids day and bicycle safety checks.

#### Funding Pools

DelDOT used to have a funding pool of money but the funding was lost in 2006. Purpose of the funding was to help with funding on plans that were reviewed by the committee. The council is asking for 6 pots of money to be reestablished. A pool for walking and one for bicycling projects for each county. Each pool would start with a specific amount at

the beginning of the fiscal year and would help to fund smaller bicycle/pedestrian projects. The council will write a letter to Governor Markell and Secretary Bhatt with what the criteria for each project to be considered and the list of projects that still need to be completed. Amy Wilburn will draft the letter and then send it to the council for its review. The council will invite MPO's and stakeholders to get their input on potential projects. The council would like to have the letter and list to the Governor by April 2012 so it can be pushed through the bond bill.

Walt Bryan will mention this to Joe Booth and make him aware of this coming up.

#### Barley Mill Redevelopment

There are two groups working on this, Save our County and Citizens for Responsible Growth that are asking for the councils support and to sit on their group. The council decided they would stay aware of the negotiations and make recommendations but not sit on any one group. Amy Wilburn will represent the council and is to act in an advisory capacity.

#### NBC/WBC

Jeff Riegner has resigned from his as Chair of NBC, meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at WILMAPCO. Wilmington is currently working on pedal perks, website sherros and a project list.

#### Suggestions for DBC events/rides:

Amy Wilburn asked council members to come up with ideas for upcoming rides and events. Walt Bryan suggested an event at Junction Breakwater Trail. Trap Pond was also mentioned.

James Wilson suggested an event for the opening of the Pomeroy Trail. The council agreed to have a presence at the Pomeroy Trail opening.

**THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 6:51 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**