

Board Meeting Minutes

Newark Bike Project

January 13, 2015

1. Shop Status

- Bikes
 - More bikes than we have the storage for, impeding on shop space, usually take in more bikes than we sell each day we're open
 - Suggestion of a sale event to sell most of our excess bikes
 - Craigslist ads to help sell more bikes
 - Simple solution, has proven to be fairly effective
- Winter fundraiser
 - Marketing to improve awareness of NBP
 - UD Classifieds?
- Parts
 - Sorting to individually price high-end parts
 - Better bins? Colored for organization, improved labels.
- Changes to spring open shop
 - Mondays and Thursdays (poll Facebook for reaction/make sure everyone is aware of the change), but same hours (5pm - 6pm)
- Electrician connected lights to switches, dimmers are possibility and would be useful
- Closet is organized! :)

2. Volunteers

- Volunteer appreciation dinner at Catherine Rooney's, food options and set-up will be similar to last year's dinner
 - RSVP
 - Open to volunteers who dedicated 20+ hours and their guest, plus those who have helped NBP in other ways
- Zack has offered to take over volunteer orientations
- Volunteers from ELI will be helping out in the shop on the January 23/24 and February 7
 - Many tasks such as sizing wheels, sorting parts, inflating tires, etc. can be delegated to the volunteers
- Volunteer benefits

3. Education

- Kim plans on organizing two classes for volunteers in the spring
- Health Night Fair @ John R Downes Elementary on Friday, Feb. 6 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

- NBP representatives will be auctioning off a bike, answering questions about the bike project

4. Community

- Yoga with professional yoga instructors
 - \$5 for students, \$10 for others (tentative)
 - Think of ways to increase the zen of NBP
- Movies
 - Projector is still available via Ian
 - Need a speaker system for movies and other music events
 - Jamie M is investigating movie rights in order to host movie nights
- Music
 - Em McKeever has taken over organizing music events for Shane
 - The first open mic she hosted was very successful
 - Open mic nights planned for the spring
 - Need to be careful not to play copyrighted music since we don't have the rights to broadcast or perform copyrighted music
- TED style speaker series
 - We have volunteers and other community members who have interesting experiences or knowledge they could share with others
- Comedy night scheduled for February 20
 - Helps to diversify NBP's events and bring together different people

5. Communications

- Facebook group has been created for volunteers and other community members to discuss various NBP and biking related things (or completely unrelated things)
 - Any suggestions to make the page more informative are welcome

6. Misc.

- May need to monitor the bike racks outside since residents and others could take all the bike parking reserved for NBP volunteers
- Board members need to communicate better, update each other on a weekly basis to keep up with tasks and stay informed
- Advisory board (non-officer supporters with specialized skills or contributions)
 - Previous board approved of the idea, invitation prepared, but never sent out (needs to be revised)