

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Joan Engstrom, Elaine Jans, Pete Janunas, Carolyn Morris, Joe O'Connor, Chris Rios, Joe Seymour, Chris Valadez

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 September 19, 2024 minutes were distributed. There being no changes or corrections, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Carolyn M. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report:

2.1 October Slow Roll – October 4, 2024 -- Joe O. reported 49 riders signed the waiver. For this ride, some riders joined the group along the route. One rider suggested that the Ride Marshalls have walkie-talkies, as with a large group, it is important to have contact with the person leading the ride. Chris V. has walkie-talkies and will bring them to the Halloween ride.

2.2. Oak to More – October 12, 2024 -- Joe O. reported that 8 people participated in the ride. Weather and food were great. Ride speed averaged 10 mph, and ride took place between 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Carolyn M. indicated that some of the riders were not following Bicycle Rules of the Road on the path, and suggested that for future rides, a refresher be given before the ride starts. One rider suggested to do rides like this more often.

2.3. Tour De Proviso – October 5, 2024 -- Joe O. coordinated a meeting point at R/B High School for riders to go together as a group to the check in point in Bellwood. The ride had a great course. Police escorts not only ensured the safety of the riders, but allowed the ride to be virtually non-stop. Chris V. asked if there was any way Cycle Brookfield could provide support for this event in 2025. Pete J. will get contact information for the event.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Chris V. indicated that the current balance in Cycle Brookfield's account is approximately \$3,700, with an outstanding invoice for payment of Chicago Grit Port-a-potties in the amount of \$1,200, which will leave a balance of \$2,500 in the Cycle Brookfield account.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are currently 136 membership units, of which 30 are new. Joe O. has created a new brochure for Cycle Brookfield which can be used for membership recruitment. It was discussed to give a \$5 discount on the new Cycle Brookfield t-shirt to anyone becoming a member before or at the 2025 Annual Summit.

3.3 Inventory Review -- Chris R. that there are some t-shirts and a number of ball caps in inventory. The new t-shirt will be ordered for the core Cycle Brookfield members, and will be presented at the annual summit in January, 2025. It was suggested by Joe O. that an additional 50 t-shirts be ordered for the summit: 5/small; 5 XXL; and the rest equally divided between M/L/XL.

3.4 Engagement – Chris V. continues to be involved in Ride Illinois and Active Transportation and he and Val Cramer continue to work with other communities to form their own cycle groups.

Chris V. also reported that Active Transportation Alliance would like more engagement in the Western Suburbs, and currently have openings for Board Members.

It was also discussed that when grants are available that require matching funding, Cycle Brookfield consider participating and providing matching funding from their Capital Fund.

3.5 Village Planning Updates—Megha Patel of the Brookfield Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the Village of Brookfield Sustainability Plan, has drafted a presentation for additional bicycle racks for the Village to be presented at the Village Budget Workshops. Joe S. and Chris V. plan to attend these workshops.

3.6. Social Media Updates – Chris R. will create a “teaser” video for the upcoming Halloween ride, to be posted on Facebook.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. First Friday Slow Roll – No First Friday Ride planned for November, 2024

4.2. Haunted Halloween Ride – Friday, October 25 – Starts 7:15 p.m. at the Compassion Factory. Treats and bonfire at Compassion Factory Garden after the ride.

Costume contest. 1st Prize for Adults -- \$25.00 “Enjoy Brookfield” card and Cycle Brookfield Hat. 1st Prize for Children -- \$10.00 Fill My Jar certificate. More Cycle Brookfield hats can be given out as prizes. Joe O. and Joe S. will check into getting beer. Chris V. will get water and snacks. Chris V. will check if Compassion Garden has fire ring and wood. Jeannie McTeague and Elaine will bring s’mores makings and table.

4.3. Best Decorations Holiday ride – It was decided not to hold this ride in 2024

4.4. Last ride of the Year & Bon Fire – Compassion Factory – 10:00 a.m. – December 28, 2024

4.5. January, 16, 2025 – Cycle Brookfield Annual Summit – Compassion Factory – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

4.6. Friday, February 7, 2025 – Movie “Breaking Away” – Compassion Factory

4.7. Friday, March 7, 2025 – Spring Bike Tune-Up Event – Compassion Factory – Pete J.

4.8. For 2025 a “Saturday Series Rides” was suggested which could include:

- International Women’s Day Ride
- Oak to Oak
- Oak to More
- Donut Ride, Ice Cream Ride
- Mystery Ride

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. was made by Joe O. and seconded by Chris R. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary