

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” ANNUAL SUMMIT RECAP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025
COMPASSION FACTORY—7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

- 29 member and non-member attendees signed in.
- Village President Mike Garvey
- Guest Speaker: Micah Caldwell, 1st Ward Alderman—City of Berwyn, IL
- Vendor: Pedal Heads—Learn to Ride Camp—Ages 4 to 12
- Music provided by Jules Klee

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Chris Valadez proposed the 2026 Cycle Brookfield officer slate: Chris Valadez, President; Ken Knasiak, Vice President; Joe Seymour, Treasurer; Elaine Jans, Secretary. No other officer nominees were put forth.

1.2 Attendees voted via QR code for the proposed slate, and proposed slate was voted in for 2026.

2. JOE O’CONNOR -- CYCLE BROOKFIELD YEAR IN REVIEW

2.1 Cycle Brookfield activities which included:

- First Friday Slow Rolls
- Member Only Rides
- Chicago Grit
- Other Events
- Participation in Community Events

3. CHRIS VALADEZ – OVERVIEW OF CYCLE BROOKFIELD

- Mission
- Community Involvement
- Working with the Village of Brookfield

Chris Valadez introduced guest Valerie Kramer, who formed “Ride Riverside” and who was the Active Transportation Alliance “Advocate of the Year”

3.2 JOE SEYMOUR – AARP AUDIT

- Recap of Audit
- Presentation of audit findings to Village Board
- Discussion with Village of Brookfield engineers regarding improvements to Maple Avenue and Prairie Avenue scheduled for repavement in 2026

4. CHRIS VALADEZ - CHICAGO GRIT

- Recap of 2025 Chicago Grit
- Announced route changed back to Grand Avenue
- Displayed new “The B is Back” t-shirts

5. GUEST SPEAKER—MICAH CALDWELL-1ST WARD ALDERMAN-CITY OF BERWYN, IL

- Evidence/Knowledge
- Emotion/Storytelling
- Engagement/Collaboration
- Endurance/Persistence

6. CHRIS VALADEZ – CYCLE BROOKFIELD – 2026 PLANS

- Continuation of “Slow Roll” and members only rides
- Events – Chicago Grit
- Outreach and advocacy

7. CHRIS VALADEZ - VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

- Carolyn Morriss – For continual support of and commitment to Cycle Brookfield. Received Cycle Brookfield items
- Robin Fuerner – For donating shed at house to Cycle Brookfield for storage. Received a “Robin’s Nest” sign—which the shed is called

7. WRAP UP

7.1. Chris V. asked attendees to contact Cycle Brookfield with any thoughts or suggestions

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- Raffles: Cycle Brookfield T-shirts
- Pizza and beverages were provided
- New Chicago Grit, Cycle Brookfield t-shirts, and Cycle Brookfield hats were sold
- Membership sign-up and/or renewal was available

ATTENDEES:

Micheal Garvey, President, Village of Brookfield

Micah Caldwell-1st Ward Alderman-City Of Berwyn, Il, Guest Speaker

Taj, Pedalheads, Bicycle Training

Rijks, Peter	Brookfield
Knasiak, Ken	Brookfield
Quenneville, Todd	Riverside
Miller, Hanna	Brookfield
Miller, Marc	Brookfield
Sokol, Karl	Brookfield
Duner, Kenyon	Brookfield
Baum, Earl	Brookfield
Role, Cindy	LaGrange Park
Anerto, Catherine	LaGrange Park
Riveria, Terry	Brookfield
Riveria, Eddie	Brookfield
McTeague, Jeanne	Brookfield
Kramer, Valerie	Riverside
Caldwell, Brittany	Brookfield
Sokol, Ann	Brookfield
Valadez, Gail	Brookfield
Engstrom, Joan	Brookfield
Morriss, Carolyn	Brookfield
O'Conner, Joe	Brookfield
Jans, Elaine	Brookfield
Knasiak, Ken	Brookfield
Bernhardt, David	LaGrange
Fuener, Robin	Brookfield
Gesing, Maureen	Forest Park
Johnson, John	Brookfield
Johnson, Becky	Brookfield
Seymour, Joe	Brookfield
Valadez, Chris	Brookfield