

CYCLE BROOKFIELD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
LINDA SOKOL FRANCIS BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 P.M.

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O'Connor, Pete Janunas, Elaine Jans, Joe Seymour, Carolyn Morriss, Robin Fuener, Jeanne McTeague, Jason Phillip, Hanna Miller, Jacque Jones

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 , May 15, 2026 minutes were distributed. Correction of Hanna Miller being referred to as "Hanna J." instead of "Hanna M." There being no further changes, motion was made by Chris V. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Joe O. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report

2.1 First Friday Slow Roll – Friday, June 5, 2026

Chris V. reported approximately 50 riders. Adequate number of Ride Marshalls were recruited.

2.2 . Farmer's Market Opening Day and Bike Valet – Saturday, June 6, 2026

It was reported that the Farmer's Market was very successful. About 40 bicycle riders used bike valet service. Some Crit T-shirts were sold, and a few new members signed up. Donation Jar brought in \$0000. Cycle Brookfield Crit was promoted.

2.3 League of American Bicyclists – League Cycling Instructor (LCI) Training

Joe O. who was signed up for this training was not able to complete course due to the fact that necessary information to complete it not sent in a timely manner. The \$400.00 fee was reimbursed to Cycle Brookfield.

2.4. New Belgium Bike Grant -- \$750.00

Joe S. reported that the grant money has not yet been received by Cycle Brookfield. The monies were to partially be used for the League Cycling Instructor course. Monies will also be used for four potential bike rodeos for Brookfield grade school students in fall of 2026 and spring of 2027.

Jason P. gave contact information for the potential fall bike rodeo at the Brook Park Block party: Dragana Vidakovic , Brook Park Council President/708-209-9337/covicepresident@brookparkcouncil.org.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Joe S. reported current May 31, 2026 balance of \$3,337.84. Income not yet received: \$400.00 reimbursement for League Cycling Instructor Training; \$750.00 for New Belgium Grant; Cycle Brookfield Chicago Grit donations. Current outstanding invoices: \$250.00 reimbursement to Joe O. for 2 Crit banners; \$1,661.00 remaining first installment payment for Crit; \$3,666.67 second installment payment for Crit.

3.2 Membership – Joe O'Conner

Joe O. reported 80 members, not including new members from Farmer's Market.

3.3. Inventory Review – Joe Seymour reported (via email)

2026 Crit T-Shirt	9
2025 Crit T-Shirts	40
2025 CB T-shirts	10
CB Hats	3
Bike Light	1

3.4. Village Planning Updates – Jason Phillips

No updates.

3.5 General Fund Raising

Summer social is suggested for Friday, September 11, 2026. Elaine J. will reach out to Joe's Saloon, Brookfield, IL to see if the private room is available. There is a \$75.00 fee for the bartender.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. First Friday Slow Roll Light Up Your Bikes– Due to the fact that the 4th of July parade will be the day after the First Friday Ride, and that the Crit is also held in July, it was decided that Cycle Brookfield will not have First Friday ride on July 3, 2026.

4.2. 4th of July Parade – Cycle Brookfield will participate in the parade. Chris V. has sent application to Parks & Rec. Notice for participants will be put on Cycle Brookfield Facebook and via email blast. Chris V. will have Crit banner available and buy candy to give out. Candy will be put in Robin's Nest.

4.3. Farmer's Market – Elaine J. will request a booth and bike valet space for the Saturday, July 11, 2026 Farmer's Market.

4.4. Cycle Brookfield Crit – Wednesday, July 22, 2026

4.4.1. Sponsorships: Chris V. reported that the \$5,500.00 received from the Chamber. There was some confusion about monies being raised by the Chamber for the Crit. As of this date, it is understood that the \$5,500.00 given by the Chamber is the only monies Cycle Brookfield will receive. Any other monies raised by the Chamber will be used by them.

Chris V. further reported that in addition to the \$5,500.00, commitments have been made by the following: \$1,000 from Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library; \$2,000 from the First National Bank of Brookfield, and \$1,500 from Montessori. Crit expenses are: fee--\$11,000; Port-A-Potties, \$1,400 (\$200 returned to Cycle Brookfield after race), yard signs and other miscellaneous/ about \$800– a total of approximately \$13,000.00, which leaves minimally \$3,000 needed to be raised for the Crit race.

Jeannie M. suggested offering a "yard sign" with the donors logo to put on the 12 port-a-potties as an incentive for fund raising. She and Terri Rivera are developing a package for potential supports.

4.4.2 Volunteer Marshall Recruitment

Hanna M. reported current volunteers sign-ups of: 1st slot/10; 2nd slot/8; 3rd slot/5; 4th slot/4. The following will be done to continue volunteer recruitment:

1. Send email to 2025 volunteer list
2. Pin information to Cycle Brookfield Facebook for one or two weeks -- Joe O.
3. Send email to all Cycle Brookfield members
4. Send information to Bob Uphues for Village promotion -- Joe S.
5. All Cycle Brookfield members promote however they can

Volunteer check in tent will be located near the Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library

4.4.3 Crit T-shirts

T-shirts with sponsor logos on back will be ordered to sell at the crit. The Chamber of Commers will provide cow bells.

5. New Business

Joe S. reported that PeopleForBikes Foundation which measures the quality of biking in more than 3,000 U.S. cities, named Brookfield, Illinois as #9 out of 115 Illinois cities, in their 2026 Best Places to Bike List. It was suggested by Ken K. via email, to promote this via social media, the Village email newsletter, and the Landmark newspaper.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m. was made by Chris V., and seconded by Joe O. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular Cycle Brookfield meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary