

**CYCLE BROOKFIELD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
LINDA SOKOL FRANCIS BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 P.M.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O'Conner, Elaine Jans, Ken Knasiak, Joe Seymour, Jeannie McTeague, Karl Sokol, Jason Philip, Hanna Miller, Jacquie Jones

Guest:

Carlos Vanjo Cortes, Volunteer & Events Coordinator, Active Transportation Alliance

1. Approval of Annual Meeting Recap:

1.1 February 19, 2026 meeting minutes were distributed. Joe O. noted that under "2. Past Event Report", it should say, "Joe O'Conner will continue as "Ride Director", not Race Director. There being no further changes, motion was made by Jeanne M. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Hanna M. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report

2.1 E-bike event at Gears 2 You on Friday, March 13, 2026

Joe O. reported that seven people attended the very informative event. Pete Janunas presented E-bike best brands, and E-bike rules, regulations and safety.

2.2. March 8, 2026 – International Women's Day Ride

Joe O. reported 11 women, 5 men and 1 dog participated in the 20 mile ride. This number was up from previous years.

2.3. March 12, 2026 – 2nd Crit Planning Meeting Item

Chris V. reported that while it was decided at the Crit meeting to cancel the night ride, as the lights needed are too costly, a representative from the Brookfield Zoo Chicago has indicated that the zoo might be able to provide the lights needed for the night race.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Joe S. reported a balance of \$3,589.06 in the Cycle Brookfield account.

Joe O. indicated that more Cycle Brookfield logo stickers are needed. He also indicated that he ordered a 4' X 8' banner promoting the Cycle Brookfield Crit in 2025, which was also used in the Village 4th of July parade. It was agreed to go ahead with the logo and banner order. Hanna M. suggested to see if there would be a significant price savings for a larger quantity order of the logo stickers, as there is no intent to change the Cycle Brookfield logo.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are currently 72 membership units. There were four bounce backs from auto-renew members whose credit card information changed. Cycle Brookfield will reach out to them to encourage their renewal.

3.3. Inventory Review – Joe S. indicated the following: 2026 Crit "B is Back" – 3; 2025 CB Shirt – 14; 2025 Crit Shirt – 25; Hats – 4; Bike Light – 1.

3.4. Village Planning Updates – Jason P. presented a preliminary report from the Brookfield Conservation Commission (BCC) outlining a short summary of community engagement, results, and next steps for the installation of new bike racks. Jason P. will provide additional information to the BCC supporting the need for additional bike racks.

3.5 General Fund Raising – Joe S. indicated that he and his wife would welcome participation from other Cycle Brookfield members in putting together the 2026 summer social. Elaine J. will coordinate a meeting with Joe S, Ken K., Jeannie M. to discuss planning the details.

3.6 Grants

It was reported that Cycle Brookfield did not win one of the American League of Bicyclists \$2,000.00 2026 Community Spark Grants for bike education and supplying safety gear for riders.

Cycle Brookfield has applied for the Active Transportation Alliance \$200.00 stipend for which the application deadline was March 13, 2026. Joe S. reported the purpose of this grant would be a bike-to-work hospitality table near the Brookfield and Congress Park Metra Stations. Volunteers would table on weekday morning either May 12th or 13th from 6:30am-9am near the stations. The goal would be to intercept bike commuters and offer encouragement like free granola bars, fruit, and beverages as well as educational information on upcoming bicycling events and resources.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. There will not be a First Friday ride as that day is Good Friday. The second Friday would conflict with Ride Riverside.

4.2. Joe O. reported that the annual spring Oak-to-Oak ride will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026. He will prepare a flyer to publicize the event,

4.3. Joe S. indicated that he would meet with Ken K., Jeannie M. and Elaine J. to discuss plans for the upcoming Cycle Brookfield Summer Social Fundraiser.

5. Guest Presentation

Vanjo, from Active Transportation made a presentation for volunteers for “Bike the Drive,” that will take place on Sunday, September 6, 2026 on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Volunteer opportunities include event set-up, check point marshal, rest stop monitors, event break-down, etc. They are offering offer a \$250 donation to charitable organizations that provide 8-14 volunteers for the day of the event, and a \$350 donation to the organization for groups of 15 or more.

5. Open

5.1. Jackie Jones from Age Options asked for suggestions for how get cities, villages, etc. to allow mobility limited individuals who need e-bikes to get around, acceptance into concerts, festivals, etc. who currently ban all “bikes” from entering.

Cycle Brookfield is willing to provide any support they can on this matter.

Next regular Cycle Brookfield meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. by Joe O., and seconded by Jason P. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary