

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025
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’Conner, Pete Janunas, Elaine Jans, Carolyn Morris, Karl Sokol, Jeannie McTeague, Steve Walker

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 October 14, 2025 minutes were distributed. There being no changes, motion was made by Karl S. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Jeanne M. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report:

2.1 First Friday Slow Roll – There is no slow roll in November

2.2 Oak-to-More Oktoberfest Ride – Saturday, October 18, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. -Imperial Oak Brewing
9 riders joined for the ride. One rider’s tires slid on the wet pavement, and her bike toppled.

2.3 Haunted Halloween Ride --- Friday, October 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Compassion Factory
75 riders signed waivers. The Village provided a police escort. Prizes were given for best decorations. This is a great ride for Cycle Brookfield to connect with the community. Riders enjoyed s’mores, beverages and a bonfire at the Compassion Factory garden at the end of the ride.

Joe O. suggested that in 2026 a ride monitor training program be set up for potential ride monitors, before the April First Friday ride.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Chris V. reported the current balance in the Cycle Brookfield account is \$4,583.91. He also presented three invoices that were reimbursements to him: Check# 1043--\$175.90 for the Cycle Brookfield QR Code; Check# 1044--\$228.00 for the Jot Form account; and Check# 1045 for the Mail Chimp account.

It was discussed that it should be looked into to see if any of these costs can be reduced or eliminated.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are still 82 membership units. It was indicated that it is unlikely that there will be any more membership sign-ups until the January 2026 Annual Summit.

3.3. Inventory Review – Cycle Brookfield t-shirts, hats and Chicago Grit t-shirts are available.

3.4. Village Planning Updates – Chris V. reported that there were no Village updates, but the AARP Community Challenge Grant report is due December 15, 2025. Joe Seymour will reach out to Cycle Brookfield members to participate in a night-time Bike Ride Audit to complete the report.

3.5 General Fund Raising – Chris V. asked members to suggest fund raising ideas for 2026. The Summer Social is currently the only Cycle Brookfield fund raiser.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. Last Ride of the Year – Saturday, December 27, 2025 – TBD pending weather conditions

4.2 Chicago Grit Presentation to the Village Board – Monday, November 24, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Committee of the whole meeting.

Chicago Grit has confirmed they would like Cycle Brookfield to participate in the 2026 Chicago Grit. Chris V. will make the presentation to the Village Board to get their approval for the event and route.

4.3 Cycle Brookfield Annual Summit – Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Compassion Factory
Chris V. asked for ideas for speakers for the event, and he will also reach out to potential speakers. Final planning for the event will be at the December 18, 2025 Cycle Brookfield meeting. The potential Officer slate will also be available to be voted on at the December meetings. Members interested in officer positions should contact Chris V.

4.4 Movie Night – February 19, 2026

Two movies were suggested: Triplets of Bellville and American Flyers.

4.5 – Everything you need to know about E-bikes – March 19, 2026 – Gears 2 You – Time: TBD

Pete J. will put together presentation.

5. Open

5.1 Chris V. reported that Valerie Kramer, Ride Riverside, will receive the Active Transportation Alliance Advocate of the Year award at the Active Transportation Annual Member Party on December 2, 2025 at the Revolution Brewery Tap Room, Chicago, IL – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Cycle Brookfield members are welcome to attend.

5.2 Joe O. presented 5 designs for a t-shirt for the 2026 Chicago Grit. The design that incorporated the outline of the Grand Avenue course, with the tagline “The B is back,” was chosen. Suggested color was light grey. It was discussed that Grit t-shirts should be available several weeks before the 2026 Grit event for pre-sell.

There being no further discussion, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m. was made by Jeannie M. and seconded by Steve W. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, December 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Location T.B.D.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary