

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025  
IRISH TIMES RESTAURANT—7:00 P.M.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O’Conner, Pete Janunas, Elaine Jans, Joan Engstrom, Robin Fuener, Carolyn Morris, Karl Sokol, Jason Phillip, Jeannie McTeague, Steve Walker

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

1.1 September 18, 2025 minutes were distributed. Karl S. indicated that the meeting date on the minutes was incorrect and should be September “23.” There being no further changes, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Jeanne M. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Past Events Report:**

2.1 First Friday Slow Roll – October 3, 2025

Joe O. reported that there were approximately 60 and a dog. The ride route included going through the newly renovated Congress Park Metra Station tunnel.

2.2 20-mile Tour de Proviso – October 4, 2025 -- Oak Park, IL

16-18 Members of Cycle Brookfield met at Riverside Brookfield High School and biked to the Oak Park Village Hall to join Tour de Proviso. Joe S. gave the members traffic vests with “Cycle Brookfield” on the back to use for this portion of the ride. T-shirts were given out to all Tour de Proviso riders.

**3. Current Business Review:**

3.1 Finances – Pete J. reported the current balance in the Cycle Brookfield account is \$6,102.30. All outstanding invoices have been paid.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are currently 82 membership units.

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

3.4. Village Planning Updates – Joe Seymour reported the following via email:

3.4.1. Bike racks - The Village Planning Dept is actually working on a "style guide" for bike racks (among other infrastructure) to make a consistent style across the Village, and they will be independently verifying feasibility of the locations.

The Conservation Commission is hoping that this is completed this year, so new bike racks can be purchased and installed next year.

3.4.2. AARP Bike Audit - Draft report has been compiled, but a few volunteers will be needed to do a night ride of each of the three routes. Dates will be circulated this week, photos will be taken, and then hopefully report will be presented to the village Trustees end of month.

3.4.3. 31st Street in LGP - LaGrange Park is starting a study of 31st St. that would end at Maple Avenue. Joe S. will be going to the open house Wednesday, October 15, between 5 and 7 PM, to learn more and hear how they’re looking to incorporate bicycling and walking.

3.5 General Fund Raising – Chris V. indicated that more emphasis will be put on fund raising in 2026.

## 4. Upcoming Events

4.1 First Friday Slow Roll—There will not be a slow roll in November.

4.2 Oak-to-More Oktoberfest Ride – Saturday, October 18, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – Imperial Oak Brewing  
Participants will meet at Imperial Oak Brewing in Brookfield, IL and ride to More Brewing Company in Villa Park, IL. There will be a stop for lunch, and then group will return to Imperial Oak Brewing.

4.4. Haunted Halloween Ride – Friday, October 24, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Compassion Factory  
Chris V. will get gift cards and candy or an item for children costume prizes. Gift cards and Chicago Grit t-shirts will be given as prizes for adults. Chris V. will also purchase snacks and water. Chris V. and Joe O. look into beer donations or will purchase beer. Jeannie M. will purchase makings for s'mores. Members will look into additional lighting for the after party at the Compassion Factory Garden.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS – 2026 Cycle Brookfield Criterium

5.1 Investment – In addition to the potential cost of \$12,000 and other expenses for Cycle Brookfield to host the Chicago Grit, there is a cost to the Village of Brookfield.

5.1 Discussion: Chris V. asked the members present to confirm whether or not the Chicago Grit should be held in 2026 in Brookfield and which route would be preferred.

Joe O. motioned to have the Chicago Grit in Brookfield in 2026 and that the original route on Grand Avenue should be used. Jason P. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village of Brookfield Board will have to approve the Chicago Grit for 2026, and then confirmation will be needed from Chicago Grit confirming Cycle Brookfield's participation, and date of event.

It was suggested that a meeting be held in January or February of 2026 to begin planning for the event.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Joe O. and seconded by Jason P. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Location T.B.D.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary