

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 p.m.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O’Conner, Joe Seymour, Robin Fuener, Carolyn Morris, Jason Phillip

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 July 17, 2025 minutes were distributed. Motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

1.1 May 15, 2025 minutes were distributed. Motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

1.1 July 3, 2025 Crit Meeting minutes were distributed. Motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Carolyn M. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report:

2.1 Chicago Grit, Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Due to the extreme heat, attendance was down a little for this event. However, there were over 300 participants in the Family Fun Ride, which allowed for a good audience for the men’s and women’s pro-races. The pro racers did not find the new route as challenging at the Grand Avenue route, but it is anticipated that the race will move back to the Grand Avenue location in 2026.

Irish Times hosted and comped the dinner for the pro race teams and sponsors. (SRAM had suggested that this dinner be held.) Carolyn M. and the Brookfield Women’s club recruited a good number of volunteers.

2.2 July 18, 2025, Light Up the Night Ride

It was decided that since several key Cycle Brookfield members would not be available for this ride, the ride was cancelled.

2.3 August 2, 2025 First Friday Slow Roll

Joe O. reported that there were 50-60 participants in the ride. 10 Cycle Brookfield Grit t-shirts were sold.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Chris V. reported that all expenses for the Chicago Grit have been paid. Current balance in the Cycle Brookfield account is \$5,476.18. This amount includes the \$2,500 Cycle Brookfield received for the AARP Bike Audit Grant.

3.2. Membership – Joe O. reported that there are currently 81 members. In 2023 there were 149 members and in 2024 there were 137 members.

It was discussed that while Cycle Brookfield should continue to encourage adding on new members, focus should also be given to individuals who may want to donate to Cycle Brookfield, but not necessarily become a member.

It was also discussed that a Cycle Brookfield newsletter be developed. Elaine J. and Robin F. will put together suggestions for a newsletter.

3.3. Inventory Review – Joe O. reported that the following supply of 2025 Chicago Grit t-shirts are available: 7/XL; 10/L; 9/M; 3/S. Pete Janunas has 15 t-shirts he is selling at Gears2You. Also available are 18 of the 2025 Cycle Brookfield t-shirts, 2 women’s performance v-neck, 1 men’s performance crew neck, and 3 hats. It was suggested to bring a small supply of t-shirts to the First Friday rides and sell them for \$20 each. Elaine J. will coordinate with Joe O. on this.

3.4. Village Planning Updates

3.4.1 Bike Racks around Brookfield

Joe S. reported that there is no update as to when new bicycle racks will be installed around Brookfield, and that this will probably not happen until 2026.

3.4.2 AARP Bike Audit – Saturday, September 6, 2025

Joe S. reported on the upcoming AARP Bike Audit;

- Audit will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants will ride bicycles. Gears2You may have a few bicycles for participants who do not have their own.
- Participants will meet at the Compassion Factory
- There will be a 1-2 mile portion of three streets audited: Maple, Prairie and Kenman. At least one Ogden avenue crossing will be a part of the audit
- Participants will be of all ages and include Brookfield residents, Libby Popovic, Community Development-Village of Brookfield, Katie Kaluzny, Trustee-Village of Brookfield, a representative from LaGrange Park, Principal of S. E. Gross and a representative from Ride Riverside. Ride leaders will be: Joe O., Chris V., and Jason P. Joe S. will provide oversight for the audit.
- Breakfast snacks and lunch will be available for the volunteers. Joe S. will purchase from Tischler.
- AARP t-shirts will be available and safety vests with "Cycle Brookfield" on the back will be available for all participants
- In case of inclement weather conditions on the day of the audit, a "rain day" will be determined
- A meeting will be scheduled for the Ride Leaders

3.5 General Fund Raising

Chris V. reported that the Summer Social fundraising event will be held in 2026

4. Upcoming Events

4.1 First Friday Slow Roll—September 5, 2025 – Compassion Factory – 6:00 p.m.

4.2 Congress Park 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo – One day week of September 8, 2025 – Joe O. indicated that Cycle Brookfield is again invited to help put together the 3rd grade bike rodeo. Bike checks and helmet checks are welcome, as are any safety stations Cycle Brookfield would like to incorporate. It was decided that swag is to be given out, there should be one item for each student—no raffles. It is being considered to give out the leftover Chicago Grit cow bells. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

4.3. Lincoln School Back to School Bash – Friday, September 12, 2025 – possibly 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Cycle Brookfield is invited to participate at this event. Bicycle safety information and Cycle Brookfield stickers will be given out. Information about Cycle Brookfield will also be available. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

4.4 Cantata 100 Bike Ride Celebrating Cantata Centennial – September 13, 2025 --Ride starts at 2:00 p.m.—Meet at Brookfield Village Hall and bike to Cantata on 31st Street – participants are welcome to stay at Cantata for celebration festivities and will return on their own. Cycle Brookfield will provide bike valet service. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library – Lower Level

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary