

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 p.m.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present:

Robin Fuener, Elaine Jans, Pete Janunas, Joe O’Connor, Joe Seymour, Chris Valadez

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 November 21, 2024 minutes were distributed. There being no changes or corrections, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2025 Board Election

2.1 The 2025 Cycle Brookfield Board was presented as follows: Chris Valadez-President, Joe O’Connor-Vice President, Pete Janunas-Treasurer, and Elaine Jans-Secretary. Motion was made by Robin F. to approve the proposed Cycle Brookfield Board and seconded by Elaine J. Motion carried unanimously. Members will vote for the proposed board at the January 16, 2025 Annual Summit.

Joe Seymour will continue as Infrastructure Director, and Chris Rios will continue as Merchandise/Social Media Director. Additional positions to be announced and the Annual Summit and hopefully filled are Volunteer Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator and Government Relations.

3. Past Events Report:

3.1 Joe O. spoke to Stephanie Blumenthal at Illinois Environment Control regarding the Clean and Equitable Transportation Act (CETA). She has indicated that her organization would be willing to do a “Listen, Lead, Share” presentation to Cycle Brookfield to hear about cyclists’ perspectives and share some policy ideas for 2025 and discuss what is next. Joe O. will reach out to Stephanie B. to set up a meeting to be held at the LSF Brookfield Library, tentatively at the Cycle Brookfield March 20, 2025 meeting.

4. Current Business Review:

4.1 Finances – Chris V. reported that the current balance in Cycle Brookfield’s account is approximately \$2,300. Current outstanding invoices are: Ink Your Wear/new Cycle Brookfield T-shirts -- \$685.00; Dot com registration--\$85.00 and reprinting of Cycle Brookfield stickers--\$120.

4.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that membership has not changed since October, and current membership is 137 units, down from 149 units in 2023. It was suggested that in addition to the annual membership renewal reminder, members be asked to donate to Cycle Brookfield.

It was also suggested that a “blurb” be put together with the membership renewal reminder outlining all that Cycle Brookfield has achieved in addition to the First Friday Slow Roll.

4.3 Inventory Review -- Chris V. reported that the new Cycle Brookfield T-shirts will be ready for pick up at Ink Your Wear, and will be distributed to active Cycle Brookfield members to wear at the Annual Summit.

4.4 Village Planning Updates—Joe S. indicated Brookfield and Lyons are active in the discussion of the 31st St. plan.

Joe S. also reported that communication should be encouraged between LaGrange Park and the other communities working together on proposed connectors to assure the paths do not dead end.

4.5. Social Media Updates – None

4.6. General Fundraising

Joe S. has volunteered to coordinate the 2nd Annual Summer Social. Pros and cons were discussed as to whether this should be a June Chicago Grit Promo Event, or an August Chicago Grit After Glow Event. It was agreed the event should be held again at Imperial Oak. Joe S. will reach out to them with proposed dates.

5. Upcoming Events

5.1. Last ride of the Year – December 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Compassion Factory – This will be a six mile ride on the Salt Creek Trail. Beverages/snacks will be available at the end of the ride.

5.2 Cycle Brookfield Annual Summit -- January, 16, 2025 — Compassion Factory – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Joe O' has created a flyer for the event and posted it on Facebook. Email reminder will be sent to members. Chris V. anticipates 50 participants. Event Brite will be set up for members to register. Elaine J. and Robin F. will check in members the day of the event.

Cycle Brookfield “Year in Review” and highlights of upcoming 2025 will be presented. . Speakers will be: Joe O., Chris V. and Joe S. from Cycle Brookfield; Dave Gorman from Working Bikes, and Valerie Kramer from Ride Riverside. Cycle Brookfield will also reach out to Kyle Whitehead, Village of Brookfield Parks & Recreation Commissioner as a speaker.

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Raffle prizes will be donated. At registration, each participant will be given one free raffle ticket, and have the option to purchase additional raffle tickets.

Meeting will be open to the public, but any non-members attending the Summit will be encouraged to join Cycle Brookfield.

5.3 Friday, February 7, 2025 – Movie “Breaking Away” – Compassion Factory – 6:00 p.m. -- Flyer has been posted on Facebook for event.

5.4. Friday, March 7, 2025 – Gears 2 You Tune-Up Clinic – Location and time TBD – Pete J.

6. Open

6.1 Joe O. has submitted a grant application to Park Community Tool, which is designed to help local nonprofit cycling organizations get the repair and maintenance equipment they need. 10 non-profit cycling-based programs will receive \$1,600.00 in Park Tool Products. Grants to be awarded in January, 2025

6.2 An application will be submitted to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program for a \$2,500.00 Capacity-Building Microgrants Application/ Bike Audit: which implements bike audits to enhance safety and bike-ability in communities, especially for people age 50-plus. Application submission opens on January 8, 2025

6.3 An application will be submitted for the New Belgium Brewing Bicycle Advocacy grant program which is designed to help out 501(c)3 nonprofits that promote "bicycle equity and access, safety and education." Details for grant will be available in early 2025.

6.4 An application will be submitted for a \$2,000.00 League of American Bicyclists Community Spark Grant which supports organizations across the country working to improve their communities through bicycling. The deadline to apply for a 2025 Community Spark Grant is January 21, 2025

Next Meeting: January, 16, 2025 -- Cycle Brookfield Annual Summit -- Compassion Factory – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. was made by Pete J. and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary