

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025  
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 p.m.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present:

Joan Engstrom, Robin Fuener, Elaine Jans, Carolyn Morris, Joe O'Connor, Chris Rios, Joe Seymour, Chris Valadez

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

1.1 December 20, 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.

1.2 January 16, 2025 Annual Summit minutes were distributed. Joe O. noted that the President was listed as Chris Jans, and should be listed as Chris Valadez. There being no further changes or corrections, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Chris R. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Past Events Report:**

2.1. Last ride of the Year – December 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 10 riders participated in the event. Hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed at the end of the event at the Compassion Factory.

2.2 Annual Summit -- Chris V. reported that the 2025 Officer Slate was voted in as follows: Chris Valadez-President, Joe O'Connor-Vice President, Pete Janunas-Treasurer, and Elaine Jans-Secretary.

There were 45 attendees—members and non-members. Guest speakers were Dave Gorman, who gave an overview of the organization Working Bikes, and Val Kramer, who reported on Ride Riverside's first year. New Cycle Brookfield t-shirts were sold and some members renewed their membership and new members joined.

2.3. Movie “Breaking Away”—February 7, 2025—Compassion Factory  
Approximately 15 members and non-members attended. Refreshments were provided.

**3. Current Business Review:**

3.1 Finances – Chris V. reported that approximately \$45 was spent on refreshments for the Annual Summit.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that current membership is 45 units. It was discussed that in addition to an email blast, and posting on Facebook, Cycle Brookfield members could address by hand membership postcard reminders that would be mailed to 2024 members who have not yet renewed. It was suggested that a “teaser” of an upcoming Cycle Brookfield event be included on the postcard.

4.3 Inventory Review -- Chris R. reported that 28 new Cycle Brookfield t-shirts were distributed to core members and also sold at the Annual Summit. It was agreed that more t-shirts would be ordered in the future, as needed.

**4. Village Planning Updates**

4.1 Bicycle Racks -- Joe S. reported that the Brookfield Conservation Commission announced that 10 bicycle racks will be purchased, and will be part of the Public Works budget. Date bicycle racks will be available not yet determined.

**4.2. League of American Bicyclists Community Sparks Grant**

Joe S. reported an application for this grant has been made and awards will be announced in March, 2025. It is anticipated that if Cycle Brookfield receives a grant, monies will be used for a movable bike rack for Cycle Brookfield valet events, bicycle lights and bicycle safety information.

4.3 AARP Community Challenge – Joe S. reported application will be made to AARP, with the purpose of using the monies to compete a bike audit of bike ability in Brookfield.

4.4 Joe S. will submit an application 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." Deadline for application is March 31, 2025

4.5 Joe O. submitted a grant application to Park Community Tool for approximately \$1,500, which is designed to help local nonprofit cycling organizations get the repair and maintenance equipment they need. Grants have not yet been awarded.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

5.1 Gears to You Tune Up Clinic will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Gears2You new location—9219 Broadway, Suite 2, Brookfield, IL

5.2 International Women's Day Together We Ride will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 10 AM, meeting at the Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield, IL.

5.3. Summer Social

It was decided the Second Annual Summer Social will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 from 5-7 PM at Imperial Oak Brewing. Joe S. will be discussing details at future meetings.

## **6. Open**

6.1 Robin F. indicated that if there are safety concerns for the First Friday rides to meet at the Compassion Factory right near the 8 corners circle, she could reach out to her church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9035 Grant Avenue as a meeting place. It was decided that the upcoming April First Friday ride will continue to be held at the Compassion Factory, and traffic cones will be set out delineating where participants can line up. Cycle Members will be proactive in asking participants to stay off of the street. If safety concerns continue, St. Paul's Lutheran will be considered in the future.

6.2. Robin F. offered a shed next to her garage for Cycle Brookfield to use for storage. Chris V. will get back to her for details.

6.3 Joe S. suggested that Cycle Brookfield hold a fall "Packing Party," at Working Bikes Chicago Location. Details will be discussed at future meetings.

6.4. Joe S. suggested that if "Music on Grand" is held this year, consideration be made as to a youth bike rodeo that could be held in the morning hours. This is dependent upon when Grand Avenue construction will be completed.

6.5 Elaine J. indicated that applications can now be made for the first Farmer's Market on June 7, 2025. It was agreed that the application should be put in and a request for a location that would include valet parking be made.

Next Cycle Brookfield meeting to be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary