

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 P.M.**

Chris V. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present:

Chris Valadez, Joe O’Conner, Elaine Jans, Ken Knasiak, Jeannie McTeague

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 August 21, 2025 minutes were distributed. Joe O. indicated that the last sentence in item 4.4 was a duplicate. There being no further changes, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the minutes as written, and seconded by Ken K. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report:

2.1 First Friday Slow Roll – September 5, 2025

Joe O. reported that 51 riders signed the waivers. Riders included adults, children, and a dog in a trailer.

2.2 AARP Community Challenge Bike Audit – Saturday, September 6, 2025

The bike audit was held the morning of Saturday, September 6. There were roughly 25 people in attendance, including children to seniors. Ride leaders Joe, Carolyn, Jason, and Ken summarized the findings for each corridor—Maple, Prairie and Kemman. A village trustee, a village planner, and a middle school principal also participated in the audit. Joe Seymour is distilling the audit comments into a presentation that will be given to the Village Trustees in mid or late October. The presentation will include observations, photos, and recommendations to make the three corridors through Brookfield more bikeable for people of all ages and abilities. One more audit at night will be held in early October.

2.3 Congress Park School Bike Rodeo – Monday, September 8, 2025 – 8:15 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Joe O. prepared a course, and Cycle Brookfield members assisted in events in the rodeo for 3rd graders which included: stations for proper helmet fit, safe starting and stopping, navigating obstacles, figure 8, exiting a driveway, using proper turn signals.

2.4. Lincoln School Back to School Bash, Friday, September 12, 2025 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chris V. and Carolyn M. passed out information about Cycle Brookfield and bike safety, and also passed out bicycle stickers purchased by Carolyn M. Lincoln School is in District 103 which also included Lyons.

2.5. Cantata Centennial Ride – Saturday, September 15, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. – Brookfield Village Hall

25-30 riders participated in the ride to Cantata. Cantata provided a bike valet area in the parking lot, and hot dogs. Chris V. found that this was a good opportunity to discuss the 31st street corridor with participants. Some participants living in the south Brookfield area, indicated they would like to participate in the Friday slow roll, but are uncomfortable about crossing Ogden Avenue. It was discussed to have one Friday slow roll in 2026 in the south Brookfield area.

2.6 Brook Park School Brownie Troup Bike Safety Event – Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 5 to 6 p.m.

Joe O. prepared a course for the second graders of this troop which included how to properly wear your helmet, hand signals for turning, learning about your bike and how to fill a tire, how to park and lock your bike safely, riding start/stop and slow riding and a figure 8 course. Brownie Troop enjoyed this event.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Chris V. reported current balance in the Cycle Brookfield account is \$6,079.40. A few small expenses for the AARP audit remain to be paid to Joe Seymour.

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

3.3. Inventory Review – None

3.4. Village Planning Updates -- None

3.5 General Fund Raising – 2026 Summer Social will be major fundraiser. Donation jars will be available at Haunted Halloween Ride.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1 First Friday Slow Roll—October 3, 2025 – Compassion Factory – 6:00 p.m.

4.2. 20-mile Tour de Proviso – October 4, 2025 -- Oak Park, IL

Members of Cycle Brookfield will leave from RBHS, Corner of First Avenue and Ridgewood Road/Forest Avenue at 7:00am to arrive at the Oak Park Village Hall at 7:40am, which will give time for packet pick up and starting the 8:00am ride. Cycle Brookfield members who are interested can ride back to Brookfield as a group.

4.3 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
Joe O. indicated that the ride will start one half hour earlier this year, as it does get very dark by the end of the ride. Chris V. will ask local businesses for items to give out as prizes for best costumes/decorated bikes. It was discussed to include a special prize for a participant tandem bike. Jeannie M. will provide the makings for s'mores, and refreshments and other snacks will be provided. A donation jar will be available. It was discussed to also supply some additional lights for the area in the Compassion Factory Garden.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Microphone – Chris V. stated that with the large number of participants in the Friday Slow Rolls and Light Up Your Bike and Haunted Halloween Ride, it is difficult to be able to talk loud enough to the crowd, and that Cycle Brookfield should purchase a microphone. Motion was made by Elaine J. and seconded by Ken K. that a microphone should be purchased

5.2 Chris V. indicated that members will vote at the October 15, 2025 meeting as to whether or not Cycle Brookfield should host the Chicago Grit races in 2026. There has been positive feedback from the community, businesses and Village officials for the races. It has not yet been determined as to which race venue will be used. Cost for the race should not increase much for 2026.

5.3 The League of American Bicyclists offer a League Cycling Instruction certification which allows cyclists to become educators who can teach bicycle safety and skills to adults and children in their communities. Chris V. felt it would be beneficial for a Cycle Brookfield member to have this certification. He recommended Joe O., and it was agreed that he would be a good choice for this certification. It was discussed that when Joe O. schedules this certification in 2026, he should be reimbursed for the registration cost, and his travel and hotel expenses.

5.4. Bike Rodeo -- Elaine J. indicated that she and Carolyn Morris thought that if the annual bike tune up event was not being held by Cycle Brookfield in 2026, a bike rodeo should be considered.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Irish Times Restaurant

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary