

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Fitchburg Public Library
Monday, August 27, 2018 @ 7:00PM

Attendees: Joseph Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Kay Lum, Cody Shaide, Thad Schumacher, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 7:07 PM. Prior to the meeting, cake was served.
2. **Approval of July 30, 2018 Minutes:**
 - Edits: Joseph I. was present at meeting but not listed in attendees.
 - Motion:* Matt J., 2nd: Thad S. to approve the minutes with update to attendees. Motion carried.
 - We have forwarded the minutes that are not up to date on the Bike Fitchburg website to David Vogt.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (Jennifer U.) Current checking balance \$285.56. Current savings balance \$50. (UWCU)
 - Purchases: Wal-Mart, FedEx, Farm & Fleet purchases for trailer to haul bikes and bike playground.
 - Donation tracker: Still working on it (excel file and letters for proof of donations).
4. **Old Business**
 - A. **Pick Me Up at the Border Ride – Friday September 28:** (Matt J.) 7pm downtown Madison. (*Rain Date 10/5*)
 - i. Begins at N. Carroll and W. Washington Ave
 - ii. \$15 on Eventbrite for pre-“registration” (minimum donation), also accepting checks and cash on ride night.
 - iii. Required equipment: Lights & Helmets
 - iv. Advertisement: flyers, Bike Fitchburg website and Facebook
 - v. Possibly need help at major crossings when riding out of town along Southwest Path/Badger.
 - vi. Steve A. has confirmed with Fitchburg Police for safe passage across McKee Road.
 - vii. Sag: talking with Rocket Bikes Studio (Verona) for basic sag (pick up).
 - viii. Matt J. & Thad are planning to pre-ride the course to mark spots that need attention or are potential hazards.
 - ix. Matt J. has a bike trailer to fill with goodies and station at the border (to be picked up) – Fitchburg Family Pharmacy will provide the goodies.
 - B. **Bike Playground/Pump Track:**
 - i. Final Leopold Neighborhood Community Night was July 31; at least 30-40 kids using it.
 - ii. Leopold Back to School August 18th (stationed at the park rather than the school so not as much traffic)
 - iii. September 8th 2-6pm – Event at Nine springs GC; Matt J., Joe I., Steve A., Tony H. will be at the event.
 - iv. Working on another piece to add to the playground.
 - v. Matt J. is talking with City of Fitchburg for a more permanent bike playground at one of the city parks.
 - C. **Media/Website/Social Media:** (Steve A.)
 - i. Steve A still working on E-Mail list/newsletters.
 - ii. Looking for more website/Facebook content; soliciting info/articles to keep the site updated and relevant.
 - D. **Fitchburg Bicycle Parking Census:** (Steve A.) <http://opencyclemap.org> - No update as Steve A. is not present.
 - E. **Peopleforbikes survey:** <https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/city/fitchburg/>
 - i. At least 50 people must fill it out for the city to be ranked.
 - ii. Will post to Bike Fitchburg Facebook Page & Group.
 - F. **Strategic Business Plan:** tabled until November. Also planning wintertime Bike Movie Nights.
6. **New Business**
 - A. **Fish Hatchery Road Reconstruction (Beltline to McKee Rd):**
 - i. Begins Late 2019/Early 2020; McKee Rd (Seminole Hwy to Verona Rd) begins later in 2020
 - ii. Urban Assets is the Public Outreach coordinator.
 - iii. Road will not be widened. Another 4-way intersection will be added near Pike
 - iv. Joe I., Steve A., Thad S., and other attendees at the 8/22 meeting suggested things such as: roundabout at PD; extending path; lights at Cahill, High Ridge, Post Rd; bike/ped underpass; Bicycle stations
 - v. Suggestion that BF draft a statement of support for bike-friendly recommendations for this project.
 - vi. We may be able to serve as conduit for grants/investments from foundations as 501c(3)
 - vii. Upcoming public meetings: November 2018, Spring 2019
 - B. **Joe I.'s words of wisdom:**
 - i. Got lost on a bike ride event: suggested good, annotated maps available for riders.
 - ii. Suffered heat stroke at another bike event; recommends checking on other riders (especially trikes!)
 - C. **Bicycle Friendly Community:** Fitchburg must re-apply for certification in 2019. Committee is being formed.
 - D. **Annual Party and Status Report:** will take place in February. Will be looking for additional directors/board.
8. **Next Meeting: Monday, September 24 6:30 PM** in the small meeting room at Fitchburg Public Library.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:01 PM *Motion:* Thad S., 2nd: Kay L.