

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Fitchburg Public Library
Monday, September 24, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Tony Hartmann, Joseph Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Angie Lucas, Cody Shaide, Thad Schumacher, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler, Jim Mackey

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:30 PM.
2. **Approval of August 27, 2018 Minutes:**
 - Edits: Cody Shaide's name was misspelled. Updated in amended minutes.
 - Motion:* Matt J., 2nd: Jennifer U. to approve the minutes with update to attendees. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (Jennifer U.) Current checking balance \$285.56. Current savings balance \$50. (UWCU) 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. 50% chance of rain on Friday. Rain Date 10/5.
 - ii. Begins at N. Carroll and W. Washington Ave. Gather at 6:45. Matt J. will make pre-ride announcements. Controlled start to McKee Rd; Darryl will photograph at start and McKee.
 - iii. \$15 on Eventbrite for pre-“registration” (minimum donation), also accepting checks and cash on ride night.
 - iv. Required equipment: Lights & Helmets
 - v. Advertisement: flyers, Bike Fitchburg website and Facebook
 - vi. Thad flagged 3 bad spots on trail Sunday. Noted that there are large rocks in tunnel in the wet spots, which may prove to be hazardous. Also the first rider(s) will need to watch for downed trees/branches.
 - vii. Thad also Purchased food & beverages for trailer and other spots on the ride (Tunnel, Monticello)
 - viii. Possibly need help at major crossings when riding out of town along Southwest Path/Badger.
 - ix. Steve A. will re-confirm with Fitchburg Police for safe passage across McKee Road.
 - x. Sag: Jennifer U. (301-980-3570) and Joe I. (608-345-8614) will be serving as Sag support. (stationed at Monroe Depot or Lake Ave in Monticello)
 - xi. Matt J. & Thad are planning to pre-ride the course to mark spots that need attention or are potential hazards.
 - xii. 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. September 8th – Event at Nine springs GC was the final event of the season for bike playground.
 - ii. Thanks to Roger Perkins for allowing us to use warehouse all summer; Joe I. for trailer. (Thad suggested in-kind donation tax documentation)
 - iii. 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. Matt J. will create Instagram account and associate to the BF Fitchburg page if possible.
 - iii. 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>
 - i. Found an app for OpenStreets mapping. Working on catching up on the backlog of submitted data.
 - ii. There are still 5 segments to complete; taking volunteers!
 - iii. Must update by November/December for the placesforbikes analysis and City snapshot.
 - E. **Peopleforbikes Survey:** (Steve A.) <https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/city/fitchburg/>
 - i. At least 50 people must fill it out for the city to be ranked. Steve has confirmation from about 12 people.
 - ii. Will post to Bike Fitchburg Facebook Page & Group.
 - F. **Bicycle Friendly Community:** (Steve A.)
 - i. August submission deadline for Bicycle Friendly Community.
 - ii. Also expecting Verona and Oregon to apply; other local communities (Madison, Middleton, Sun Prairie) hoping to be recertified. Meetings are being scheduled.
 - G. **Strategic Business Plan:** Tabled until November. Also planning wintertime Bike Movie Nights.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Website Transition from David V.:** (Jennifer U.)
 - i. David will cease financial support of BF after 2018. (\$250+ investment)
 - ii. Jennifer will respond asking for plan for transition. Steve A. suggested that we keep current infrastructure for now; recruit someone to take over management.
 - B. **Nine Springs Master Plan:** (Matt J.)
 - i. City redoing city property 1.5 and 2.5 acre plots on Traceway Drive near Nine Springs GC.

- ii. Hoping to incorporate pump track into this plan.
 - iii. Plan will be presented at the City Council Meeting on 9/25; Matt J. meeting with them on Oct. 3.
- C. **City Bicycle Committee:** (Tony H.) <https://www.fitchburgwi.gov/2487/Bicycle-Committee>
- i. Meeting quarterly; need help of Bike Fitchburg but needs to be a separate group with little overlap.
 - ii. Would like to update the Summary of Duties for the Committee.
 - iii. Bike Fed best practices for bicycle and pedestrian advisory:
 - a. Committee works with city government in response to things that council needs.
 - b. Advocacy group “pushes the envelope” and pushes for change without restrictions.
 - iv. Contact Tony, Angela, Joe with agenda items for meeting in Oct/Nov.
 - a. Typical section of McKee; Fish Hatchery road rebuild, Syene rebuild; city’s key initiatives and how biking fits into it
- D. **Whalen Road Reconstruction Phase 2:** (Matthew/Tony)
- i. Phase1 completed; phase 2 should be in the works next year but removed from budget.
 - ii. We need to mobilize constituents to contact their alders support reinstating the paved shoulders initiative!
- E. **Fish Hatchery Road Reconstruction (Beltline to McKee Rd):**
- i. Bike Fitchburg Possibly forming new committee to focus on this project; *tabled* until next month.
 - ii. Work begins Late 2019/Early 2020; McKee Rd (Seminole Hwy to Verona Rd) begins later in 2020
 - iii. Suggestion that BF draft a statement of support for bike-friendly recommendations for this project.
 - iv. We may be able to serve as conduit for grants/investments from foundations as 501c(3)
 - v. Upcoming public meetings: November 2018, Spring 2019
- F. **Health Tide/Wisconsin Healthy Communities Award:** (Steve A.)
- i. Tabled. On council agenda for 9/25. Steve will talk to Angela to voice support.
- G. **Bike Lane Uprising:** (Steve A.) Report issues with bike lane obstructions at <http://bikelaneuprising.com>
- H. **Annual Party and Status Report:** will take place in February. Will be looking for additional directors/board.
6. **Next Meeting: Monday, October 22 6:30 PM** at Fitchburg Public Library.
7. **Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 PM Motion:** Steve A., 2nd: Jennifer U.