

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Fitchburg Public Library
Monday, December 17, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Tony Hartmann, Bill Hauda, Joseph Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Kay Lum, Thad Schumacher, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:30 PM.
2. **Approval of November 2018 Minutes:**
Motion: Matt J., 2nd: Thad S. to approve the minutes with Jennifer's edits. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (Jennifer U.) Current checking balance \$868.54. Current savings balance \$50. (UWCU)
 - A. Food & beverage purchased for holiday party.
 - B. Donation tracker: Keeping up with donations as they come in.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Website transition:**
 - i. Emailed with David Vogt on 12/11. Transfer of Domain was completed on his side; Steve A. completed the transfer.
 - ii. Kay L. working on getting website ready to go by the time the website is transitioned. She will be hosting it on her own servers for us.
 - iii. Matt J. will be the "designated blogger" with WordPress. The website will be linked to the blog.
 - iv. Steve is working on Mailchimp transfer. He and Kay will meet to hash out remaining details.
 - B. **Active Living Work Group and Bicycle Friendly Communities**
 - i. Good presentations on 11/26 Open House, however not much outreach to elected officials.
 - ii. Group is starting regular meetings – evenings to accommodate working people.
 - iii. Next meeting 1/9 5:30-7pm at UW Health at 749 University Row (near Whitney Way)
 - iv. Discussing "things that make biking normal".
 - C. **Fish Hatchery Road reconstruction**
 - i. Transit Transportation Committee recommended bus and bike lanes; 10' multiuse trail on west, 6' sidewalk on east side of street. Similar to current street but with updated amenities and buffers on bus/bike lanes.
 - ii. Metro planning organization (MPO) Fitchburg may lose money in future if they do not redo bus lanes to prepare for bus rapid transit. Recommendation was changed in response to this.
 - iii. Steve would like him and Matt J. to speak with the contractor to discuss the pros and cons of alternatives.
 - D. **McKee Road Reconstruction** – No updates.
 - E. **Santa Cycle Rampage**
 - i. Bike Fitchburg listed as a co-sponsor.
 - ii. Cody S., Matt J., Steve A. met at Fitchburg Family Pharmacy. Darryl J. and Cheryl met them partway.
 - iii. Large turnout, great event. \$850 cash collected (and more online contributions) for Free Bikes for Kids and WI Bike Fed.
 - F. **Bike Parking Census**
 - i. Cody S. was covering the last 2 areas; has not gotten back to Steve A. yet.
 - ii. Places for Bikes January deadline.
 - iii. Next year Steve and Angela Kindermann will be pitching to business community – Bike Parking, Bike Benefits, Bike Friendly Businesses.
 - iv. Cooperative bicycle parking program (for companies adjacent to sidewalks) is funded. City pays for concrete pad and business buys and installs the bike racks (in right-of-way).
 - v. Steve will write draft policies to give to the city.
 - G. **Pick Me Up at the Border Ride 2019 Pre-Planning:** (Matt J.)
 - i. First committee meeting on 1/9 at 6:30p.
 - ii. Find a Fitchburg business as starting point in Fitchburg (taking suggestions)
 - iii. Solidify date by February
 - iv. Griessmeyer ambulance for sag?
 - H. **Nine Springs Neighborhood Hub (Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative):** (Matt J.)
 - i. City Parks & Rec Department received \$30,000 for concept plan
 - ii. Bike Fitchburg is officially a partner with the city on this project.
 - iii. We received a Request for Proposal (RFP) to review. Contact Matt J. if you would like to review the RFP or provide input. Wade Thompson is point person for the city.
 - iv. Pump track is officially in the language of the RFP.
 - v. We will look to apply for grant money through IMBA trail building match (current goal is \$2500 raised which would be matched by both IMBA and city grants)

6. **New Business:**

- A. **Pump Track storage:** Library needs the space reclaimed by EOY.
- B. **Ghost Bike for Cheri Maples at Syene and Cap City Trail:** (Steve A.)
 - i. Steve is in contact with Darren Marsh (county parks superintendent) to set up ghost bike. Submitting a “concept plan” with U-racks, bench, plaque, etc. immediately adjacent to trail at Syene trailhead.
 - ii. We would be responsible to upkeep of bike (paint, tires, etc.)
 - iii. Steve will get in touch with her support group prior to submitting press release.
- C. **IMBA Trail Lab sessions:** (Matt J.)
 - i. Event in Bentonville, AR in the first few weeks of April
Motion: Steve A, 2nd: Darryl J. to support the project, declare Matt J project leader, & support his endeavors, including fundraising. Bike Fitchburg funds - commit to raising the money necessary for Matt to attend the Trail Lab. Bike Fitchburg will contribute up to \$250 to backstop his registration as necessary.
Motion carried.
- D. **Strategic Business Planning and Event Workshop:** Tabled until next month’s meeting.
 - i. We want to establish an outline of Bike Fitchburg’s strategic plan.
 - ii. Create a document that plans next 5 years for the organization; focus now, mid-term, long-term.
 - iii. Prioritize projects/events and focus on how much time they will take.
 - iv. *Action: Interested parties should email availability/suggested weekends for the meetings.*
- E. **Fitchburg Bicycle Committee:** Add Fitchburg Bicycle Committee as standing “Old Business” item on our meeting agendas.
- F. **Annual Meeting and Status Report:** will take place in February. Will be looking for additional leaders & volunteers.

7. **Next Meeting: Monday, January 28th 6:30 PM** at Fitchburg Public Library

8. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 PM *Motion:* Jennifer U., 2nd Thad S.

9. **Holiday Potluck** was held after the meeting.