

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting  
Fitchburg Public Library  
Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Bill Hauda, Joe Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Kay Lum, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:30 PM.
2. **Approval of January 22, 2018 Minutes:** Minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were distributed.
  - A. *Edit: utilize open streets map*
  - B. *Motion:* Steve A., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt J. to approve the minutes with edits presented. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Matthew received final check from his Facebook fundraiser (\$275). Current balance \$465.37.
4. **CORP** (Jon Augspurger, Vice President - Membership) <http://www.madcitydirt.com>
  - A. CORP is our local International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) chapter, with charge of the publicly accessible MTB trails in Dane and some surrounding counties. Trails are currently hand-built with volunteer labor; looking to fundraise for professional trail building.
  - B. Boys & Girls Club is 3 blocks from Seminole trails – great opportunity to introduce kids to safe MTB
    - i. Event planning: Breakfast, skills and safety clinic, small group rides to & around Seminole loop, lunch
    - ii. Looking for kids MTB-trail suitable bikes (B&GC may have some; Pacific Cycles, others?)
    - iii. Want a high ratio of (volunteer) leaders to kids; involve Madison West & Verona school MTB teams
    - iv. Date TBA; discussing with B&GC next. Aiming for summer break timeframe.
5. **Bike Fed Report** (Steve A.)
  - A. There are currently 21 seats on the Bike Fed board; 3 live in Fitchburg.
  - B. Board is working to increase power at the state government level. Plan to reorganize Bike Fed in a more powerful way to influence bicycle friendly agenda. State policy changes have negatively impacted bicycle-friendly rating.
  - C. At county level, working to organize all bicycle groups. Organizing 72 county representatives and directors, selected by their local clubs/teams/organizations/events/shops, as well as a group roundtable of non-bicycle-industry businesses
  - D. Planned Bike Summit May 5<sup>th</sup> in Madison
  - E. Economic impact study (\$1.6B) is 10 years old and needs to be updated
6. **Old Business**
  - A. **501c3 donation/receipt process:** In Jennifer's queue; looking at examples from other organizations
  - B. **Form 990 filing:** In process
  - C. **Old Fitchburg Station** (Bill H.)
    - i. Currently at a standstill. There are issues with the Friends of Badger Trail (FBT) Treasurer position and revenue (DNR did not renew contract at end of year for trail pass sales)
    - ii. Board is coming up with ideas for repurposing FBT
  - D. **McKee Road Typical Section Updates** (Matt J./Tony H.)
    - i. Current plan approved by council includes 2 multi-use paths and no bike lanes, which BF opposes.
    - ii. Footprint for a primary roadway should be 120'; median must be 21' but perhaps we can shrink the terrace and add a buffered bike lane? Trying to propose solutions that are spatially & economically sound, and still safe!
  - E. **Bicycle Parking Survey:** (Steve A.)
    - i. There are 36 maps – 18 have commercial property; 18 have only parks or no public land
    - ii. We will be asking volunteers to take 1 or 2 maps, and visit all commercial space and public parks/lands to record bicycle parking availability. Identify which are (not) APBP recommended racks (hold bicycle at 2 points); installed correctly. Record who owns/manages the racks. Open streets map automatically assesses if tagged amenity="bicycle parking"
    - iii. Eventually this will become an annual survey
    - iv. This may help spur on cooperative funding for bicycle parking
  - F. **Whalen Road Resurfacing and Shoulder Paving**
    - i. Tony H. put together a resolution which is a modification of the one from the fall
    - ii. \$130k for shoulders of what is being resurfaced this year (ask for 150); borrowing is already done for the year
    - iii. On the Common Council agenda for their first meeting in March
  - G. **Chicago Cyclists** (August 17-19)
    - i. Sharon has added the event to their club newsletter. We recommend they speak with the Chamber for planning.
    - ii. Steve A. is contacting Sharon to get mileage and pace estimates.

7. **New Business:**

A. **Bylaws:**

- i. Reiterated for the board to review the bylaws and contact the President & VP with questions

B. **Advocacy meeting (Darryl)**

- i. Proposed annual meeting/dinner/program for Bike Fitchburg members
- ii. *Motion:* Steve A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt J. to empower and encourage Darryl (with help of other members) to organize a meeting month/date, venue, and arrange a program for the meeting. Motion carried.
- iii. Subcommittee includes Darryl, Jennifer
- iv. Possible program/keynote/panel ideas:
  - a. Bike Fed/ Bike League presentation
  - b. Tour the divide Madison biker
  - c. Electric bicycle improvements and policy changes regarding speed (20mph is national standard. State law prohibits use on bikeways with motor engaged; DNR permits on bike paths as 15mph recommended.) The technology is here and needs to be accommodated in some way for bicycle infrastructure and streets. Uniform rules for safety is unsafe: Undue burdens in some areas and unsafe in others. BF should have a discussion and take a position on the issue.

C. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory committee:** established at 2/27 Common Council Meeting (ord. 2018-0-13)

8. **Next Meeting:** March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the small meeting room at Fitchburg Public Library.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:21 PM *Motion:* Jennifer U., 2nd: Darryl J.