

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Tony Hartmann, Joe Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Angie Lucas, Kay Lum, Thad Schumacher, Dave Simmons (Ride Illinois), Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler

1. **Call to Order:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Guest Presenter: Dave Simmons, Executive Director, Ride Illinois** presented a brief introduction to the Ride Illinois organization and discussed how local and state-level bicycle advocacy organizations can work in tandem.
3. **Approval of April 2020 Minutes:**
 - A. **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented. 1st: Steve A.; 2nd: Darryl J. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Checking account balance \$467.83. Savings account balance \$1800.57.
 - B. Recent expenses: \$100 to join Bike Fed, \$75 to renew membership in Bike League, 2x\$15.81 Zoom monthly fee; Recent deposit \$189.20 from Steve A. via United Way.
 - C. Address changes continue: Google business listing, Bike League, Bike Fed.
 - D. Steve A. is working on getting a duplicate Google business listing merged or deleted.
 - E. **LCI Instructor:** Matt J. is interested in the LCI course reimbursement (\$112.50/local course offered) that Bike Fitchburg had planned to offer. There was a **Motion** and partial vote via e-mail to approve Matt J. for payment if/when he hosts Safe Cycling course(s) in Fitchburg. Motion passed.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Strategic Planning Meeting:** Jennifer U. continues working on an executive summary and plan/presentation.
 - B. **2020 Pick-Me-Up at the Border (September 11th):**
 - a. The board discussed individual thoughts in regards to holding the event as planned.
 - b. Thad has been working on moving forward with the event and working with local businesses. We will be using Race Day Events/Hop Haus as a start location. Race Day Events will also help us promote the ride.
 - c. We will set up an online sign-up and payment system to stay cash-free at the site.
 - d. We may consider wave starts to keep social distancing.
 - e. Matt J. will design flyers and PR materials for the event.
 - f. We can set up a Bike Fitchburg Paypal/Zelle/Venmo account (or similar) to accept payments. We could set up the waiver to be on the website for electronic signatures or downloads. Steve A. will talk with Race Day Events regarding their registration and release procedures and if we can utilize their infrastructure (while covering their costs).
 - g. We will be planning the ride to use the detour around Stewart Tunnel assuming it is still closed.
 - C. **May Bike Month Promotion:**
 - a. 11 people participated on Love to Ride Bike Fitchburg team.
 - b. The National Bike Challenge continues throughout the summer.
 - c. The Workplace Challenge will be taking place in September.
 - D. **Bike Week Counts (Steve A.):**
 - a. On June 2 from 7-9 a.m. 217 riders came through the bicycle roundabout area. Approximately 25% of riders were female, 75% male.
 - b. Steve A. also collected additional ridership data from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Bike Roundabout Reconstruction (Late 2020):**
 - a. Matt J. received an e-mail from Madison Metro Sewer District that there will be a rebuild of the sanitary corridor near Cannonball Path and Military Ridge Trail from Dec 2020-Dec 2021. They are looking for comments and feedback before June 30th.
 - b. Matt J. will forward the e-mail to the board for individual feedback. Steve A. will contact them on our behalf.
 - B. **Stewart Tunnel:** Closed indefinitely. Steve A. will be requesting that the Bike Fed lobbies for inclusion of engineering and remediation in the state budget.
 - C. **Fitchburg Bicycle Committee Meeting (June 30th):**
 - a. Angie L. will be bringing up for discussion the safety issues regarding bike lanes and facilities; Bicycle advocates and committees need to be included earlier in the design process of road construction through both public works and contractors.
 - b. Frequency of Bicycle Committee meetings is not often enough for efficiency and timeliness.

- D. **Places for Bikes ratings:** Fitchburg yearly ratings 1.8 (2018), 2.8 (2019), 1.9 (2020). The city snapshot scorecard and/or user surveys may be sticking points still.
- E. **Fitchburg City:** Bill Balke has accepted position of Public Works Director for the City.
- 7. **Next Meeting: July 27th** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom meeting.
- 8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. ***Motion*** 1st: Darryl J.; 2nd: Tony H.