

Bike Fitchburg, Inc. Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 08/28/2023, 7:00-8:30pm, Oasis Cafe

- 1) Call to order, roll call, welcome, introductions - **Darryl**
 7:05pm
 Darryl, Mike, Bill, Steve
 Mark
 Jackson Garrison - new to Fitchburg. Bikes to work but has to take Rimrock.
- 2) Meeting Host Spotlight & Special Guests
 - a) Oasis Cafe
 No representative available.
 Steve: Bicycle Information Center with maps & ride guides near the entrance.
- 3) Approval of past minutes: Jul 24, 2023
 Steve >> Mike. Unanimous with 1 abstention (Jetzer, not present at July mtg)
- 4) Treasurer's report – **Steve**

Savings Account	Total						Net
Beg Bal	1802.26						1802.26
Interest	.05						.05
End Bal	1802.31						1802.31
Checking Account	Total	Just Bikes	Stiegert	AARP	PMU	Inventory	Net
Beg Bal	18378.12	1500.00	13525.38	882.66	60.00	250.00	2660.08
Anonymous Contribution	40.00						40.00
La Comunidad News Grant	-1500.00	-1500.00					
Memorial Contribution	50.00		50.00				
PMU Registrations	80.00				30.00		50.00
End Bal	17048.12	0.00	13575.38	882.66	90.00	250.00	2750.08

Anonymous contribution for \$40 via "Network for Good"

Application from La Comunidad News: Just Bikes grant for \$1500. Producing videos and banner ads to

promote biking in the Latino community. Steve pointed them to the Bike League videos for reference. Just Bikes fund down to \$0 and will no longer be reported. Dane Co Bicycle Assoc (Arthor Ross, former bike coordinator for Madison) was source of funds.

Check for Kyle Stiegert.

Additional \$80 (\$30 reg + \$50 donation).

Net worth up \$90

Darryl >> Steve >> Unanimous

5) Progress on 2023 goals

a) **Volunteer Recruitment**

Related to 7c, and we should discuss them together.

Discussion about making the meetings more interesting.

Write articles for publication on our website.

Discussion about adding more Festival to the Festival of Speed.

b) **Update & Re-ratify the Bike/Ped Plan**

Mark: Bike Committee has started looking at the recommendations. Everyone should read the 2017 document. Bike committee only tasked with looking at the bike parts of the bike/ped plan. Chad Breklin to figure out how pedestrian facilities. Steve: Perhaps form an ad-hoc pedestrian committee

c) **Greenway System** - Steve

No Report

Jackson: explain the "Greenway System"

Steve: Proposal to name and designate our paths as a greenway system. All paths 0.5mi or longer would be given names. Rec'd a grant from AARP for two signs. Will also be signs posted at intersections that say things like "Fish Hatchery Greenway" and have distances to destinations. Wayfinding plus identification.

Mark: Advertise a presentation on the Fitchburg Trail system

d) **BCycle Expansion**

Phase 2 still in process. Waiting for city council to contract with Trek. Probably not going to see them this fall.

Oshkosh North HS field trip to Madison. Rode BCycle bikes (18 yr old waiver). Upcoming 25 mile ride through Fitchburg, McFarland, back to the Capital.

e) **Better-Connected Trail System** - Steve

Lacy/Seminole roundabout has been mapped.

Trail on north side of Lacy that dead-ends will continue through the roundabout.

Ross Kahler collected comments from the TTC to forward on to the Beltline PEL

f) **Bike Rodeos / Education & Outreach** - Mike

3rd and final bike rodeo for the summer about 2 weeks ago at Nat'l Night Out.

Needed to advertise better. Comments from people: "oh, if I had known I'd have brought my bike".

Good coordination with UW health, FPD, bike repair techs.

Need to connect with Parks & Rec.

Sr Center efforts have not gotten much engagement.

Steve: gave away lights, mini-pumps, maps at Nat'l Night Out. Added 9 ppl to the mailing list from that event.

We need another banner (Steve & Mike had events running concurrently)

- g) **Police Bike Patrol - Tony**
Completed.

6) Other Perpetual Topics

- a) Fitchburg Bicycle Committee – **Mark**

Aug 30 conf call w/Bike League.

Completed the parking inventory. Woefully short of parking. McKee is only one with enough. Gave Scott Endl all the details. ~\$15k to equip community parks with bike parking.

Need to get back on bike friendly businesses in the fall.

Some movement on Cycling without Age.

- b) Policy and/or Public Works update – **Steve**

Fitchburg lets ppl phase in their bike/ped facilities, so it all tends to get done at the end of the season.

Grandview, Vroman, Purcell to be resurfaced soon.

Bike Parking requirements mtg with Phil Grupe and Deana Schmidt. Extend bike parking requirements that we have for SmartCode to traditional zoning (low, med, high residential, commercial PDD). Steve to do draft ordinance. 2021 the bike committee passed a measure but nothing came of it.

Steve has zoning complaint regarding Central Park Place. 9 concrete pads. Original owners were planning on putting in parking, but new owners didn't know they needed to put it in. When they finish, there will be 45 new bike parking spots.

At the TTC mtg, we talked about adopting Vision Zero. Elizabeth Ward & Steve Arnold will get some face time at next council mtg during the TTC update.

- c) Social media update - **Steve**

Date	08/26	07/24	06/26	05/22	04/24	03/27	02/26	01/27
Facebook Forum members	593	590	581	578	573	570	564	562
Facebook page likes	612	611	606	604	597	583	569	562
Facebook page followers	687	681	674	668	655	634	616	618
E-mail addresses to add	19	34	19	8	8	0	200	200
E-mail list addresses	294	257	263	246	252	256	89	71
Instagram	276	271	263	260	255	250	244	240

7) Old business

a) [Pick Me Up](#) - **Mike/Thad**

Sep 22, 2023 (4th Friday)

Kay: Survey results so far?

DNR said we need a permit.

Steve has published PMU as an educational event with the Bike League, so should get insurance through them.

Still using Tunnel Rd bypass.

=> Subcommittee to meet in early Sep

- Mike to buy & place snacks along the trail (border, Monticello, Belleville)
- Steve has done SAG in the past.
- Thad & Tony will be involved

b) Helping CORP fix up loaner pump track - **Tony**

No report.

Tony was going to propose that CORP apply for the \$1500 that we just gave away.

Remove from agenda unless Tony wants to keep it.

c) Bike Fitchburg Board Member Shortage

No report

d) Kyle Stiegert Memorial - **Steve**

Put up signs, and info on the website, and Scott Endl sent letters to neighbors.

Gravel path, concrete pad with parking & repair station.

City attorney wanted an MOU regarding who maintains this.

Steve drafted an MOU stating Dawn Stiegert DBA Friends of the Kyle Stiegert Greenway will maintain the parklet.

=> We should all read [the info](#) and then write an email to Scott Endl telling him we like the plan.

8) New business

9) Adjournment

8:33pm

Upcoming Meeting Information

- Sep 25 - **Location TBD**