

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Fitchburg Public Library
Monday, May 21, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Tony Hartmann, Bill Hauda, Joe Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Thad Schumacher, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:31 PM.
2. **Approval of April 23, 2018 Minutes:** Minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting were distributed.
Motion: Matt J., 2nd: Bill H. to approve the minutes with minor edits presented by Steve A. Motion carried.
3. **Church at Christ Memorial Bike Day Ride June 24:** (Bill Strange)
 - A. Community ride (congregation, friends, neighbors, all); free will donations benefitting Wheels 4 Winners.
 - B. Start and end at Church (2833 Raritan Road) (10:30am). Cookout/Potluck afterwards (11:45am).
 - C. Events: 8 mile bike ride, 1.5 mile bike ride, Kids Bike Rodeo, Yoga class. Sign-up started on 5/20
 - i. Looking for bike guides to pre-ride route and ride during event. *Volunteers:* Matt J.
 - ii. 8 mile ride will be on local trails which do not require state bike permits.
 - iii. 1.5 mile ride will be through McKee Farms Park
 - D. Police have been notified of the ride; Sag truck will be available.
 - E. Basic safety run-through recommended before all rides; DOT Bike Rodeo best practices were recommended.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** (Jennifer U.) Current checking balance \$465.37. Current savings balance \$50. (UWCU)
 - A. Donation tracker: Still working on it (excel file and letters for proof of donations)
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Fitchburg Bicycle Parking Census:** (Steve A.) Photos and Logs are due ASAP. <http://opencyclemap.org>
 - i. Working on data entry and mapping. Of 17 sections, all but 6 are complete.
 - ii. Waiting on Sections 1,5,6 (Darryl J.; Steve A. will contact), and 7 (Tony H.; Jennifer U. will contact)
 - iii. Bike fix stations are not on the official census but we'd like to add where possible.
 - iv. Other mapping projects in the works: bike path widths
 - B. **Placesforbikes:** Ratings have recently been updated. <https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/city/fitchburg/>
 - i. Ratings based on community survey, lane mile statistics from the city, and openstreets map data.
 - ii. We can work on improving our score by promoting the survey (minimum 50 responses to be counted)
 - C. **Madison Bike Week June 4-9:** (Steve A.)
 - i. Commuter station at roundabout 7-9am Tuesday, June 5th (Sponsored by Fitchburg Chamber, City, and BF)
 - ii. Coffee, Bagels, water bottle and bike info handouts, Dream Bikes mechanic tent, bike counts
 - iii. *Volunteers:* Steve and Nancy A., Kay L, Ellen Geisler (city sustainability specialist), Liz V.
 - D. **Events at Leopold Park Update:** (Liz Zimdars, Fitchburg Public Library Outreach & Chris Bauch, Saris)
 - i. "Leopold Neighborhood Community Nights" Tuesdays 5-7pm, June 19-July 31 (Weather-dependent).
 - ii. Jennifer U. connected Free Bikes 4 Kids & Wheels 4 Winners with Liz Zimdars to arrange bike donations
 - iii. AmFam Childrens hospital is donating bike helmets!
 - iv. *Volunteers:* Steve & Matt will help fit helmets at event on 6/19. Looking for more volunteers!
 - v. Coordinating with Safe routes to school for bicycling
 - vi. Pump Track: Liz Z. is getting materials together; matt working on building; will be stored at library
 - E. **Website/Social Media:** (Matt J.)
 - i. Mailchimp features being incorporated into website; operational by 7/4.
 - ii. Looking for more website content; soliciting info/articles to keep the site updated and relevant.
 - F. **CORP/Boys & Girls Club Activity:** (Matt J.)
 - i. Matt J. is in contact with Tommy Wall, VP Operations at BGC. (Michael Johnson is leaving the area)
 - ii. CORP event is in process of being scheduled on a Saturday in late July to mid-August. Possibly 100 kids on a 30-45 minute ride.
 - iii. Possibility to build momentum toward CORP event by having program of weekly neighborhood rides leading up to the event? 10-12 kids, 2 BGC supervisors, 2 volunteers (4 weeks prior to event). May see if the MSCR bike trailer/fleet is available for kids to use.
 - iv. Consensus at the BF meeting was for committing to the single day CORP event but we can attempt to provide *volunteers* if CORP/BGC organizes more events and gives us notice.
 - G. **Oregon Rotary Trail Connection:** (Bill H.)
 - i. Plans are being made to connect Oregon to Badger State Trail; may be in next Dane County budget.
 - ii. Connection at Old Fitchburg will create demand for restrooms/water which may help Depot project.
 - iii. Bill H. has resigned from the Friends of Badger Trail.
 - H. **Chicago Cyclists:** Event has been cancelled.
 - I. **Strategic Business Plan:** still TBD; considering a winter weekend half day "retreat" to work on building a plan.

- J. **Pick Me Up at the Border Ride - September 28:** (Matt J., Steve A., Tony A.) 7pm start time. Rain Date 10/5
- i. Matt J. made a flyer; Thad S. will be getting it printed. Bill H. will contact media for coverage of event.
 - ii. *Motion:* Jennifer U., 2nd: Matt J. to provide \$50 of BF funds for printing 200 flyers by 6/4. Motion Carried.
 - iii. Reaching out to Jon Augsperger (CORP) to promote the Pick Me Up ride to CORP members.
- K. **Fitchburg Festival of Speed** (July 7): <http://www.fitchburgfestivalofspeed.com>
6. **New Business**
- A. **Bike Dane County Update:** (Steve A.) <https://parks-lwrld.countyofdane.com/Parks-Recreation/Biking>
- i. <https://parks-lwrld.countyofdane.com/documents/pdf/BikeDaneMay2018Presentation.pdf>
 - ii. “On May 7, 2018, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and County staff met with bicycle advocates and representatives from local units of government for the annual Bike Dane meeting to share plans and give updates on bicycle improvement projects. Topics included the [Parks & Trails Unite Festival](#) on June 2, 2018, Bicycle Friendly Community Award, [Dane County Parks Bicycle Wayfinding Plan](#) Innovations in Planning Award, Lower Yahara River Trail Analysis and Planning Merit Award and the State of Wisconsin Top Project Award, and the 2018 PARC & Ride Grant Program. Projects discussed included the [Capital City Trail Pavement Restoration](#), Phase 2 of the [Lower Yahara River Trail](#), [Glacial Drumlin to Capital City Connector Trail](#), North Mendota Trail, and County Highway road projects.”
 - iii. Fitchburg: [Capital City Trail Pavement Restoration](#) phase 1 begins in 2018; detours planned.
- B. **Intern Request, Membership Coordinator Role:** (Matt J., Steve A.) Tabled until next meeting.
- C. **Bicycle Friendly Community:** Fitchburg must re-apply for certification in 2019. Committee is being formed.
- D. **CIP/City Budget/Whalen Road Shoulders:**
- i. **City Council Meeting** on *June 12th*: Tony H. will propose Whalen shoulders resurfacing be split into two operating budgets (2018: Mutchler Rd to Seminole Hwy, 2019: Seminole Hwy to Fitchburg Rd). This change to existing plan will require 2/3 majority vote (no more than 2 “no” votes) and mayor’s signature.
 - ii. **2019 CIP** contains no references to bicycling.
8. **Next Meeting:** June 25th meeting will be held at Fitchburg Public Library.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:22 PM *Motion:* Jennifer U., 2nd: Steve A.