

Fitchburg Bicycle Advocates (FBA)

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2015, 6:30 PM

[Note that, we did not hold meetings in August and September 2015 due to the BFC application and the Labor Day holiday; easing back into September/fall season]

Attendees: Steve Arnold; Gary Berger; Tom Humphrey; Joe Imilkowski; Matthew Jones; and Jennifer Ullman.

- Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Status: BFC application was due August 11, 2015. Key priority for the group. Fitchburg Police Department, Mayor Arnold's office, the Fitchburg Chamber were all involved with the BFC application. Matthew Jones also was heavily involved with this application, working with a team from Mayor Arnold's office and also the FBA group. Timeline for review: August 3 (1<sup>st</sup> draft), August 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> draft), August 10 submit application prior to deadline.
- Post-poned discussion about velodrome until after BFC application was submitted.
- Matthew updated that he submitted his article to the Fitchburg Chamber on bike friendly communities. Article was published on July 26, 2015. Matthew shared a copy of the article with everyone at the meeting.
- Agreed to post-pone discussion about forming a non-profit organization, assembling a board of directors for FBA until after Labor Day.
- Matthew, Jennifer and Mayor Arnold will be attending the Smart Cycling Course being taught on August 22, 2015. Matthew is teaching this course. Fitchburg Recreation Department is offering this course at Stoner Prairie Elementary School.
- Police Officer did not attend the meeting tonight. However, at Smart Cycling Course a policeman will participate to talk about bicycle safety, laws and regulations in Fitchburg.
- Michael Gustavson could not attend tonight's meeting. He is still interested in group.
- Matthew discussed other group to connect with such as Sun Prairie, Des Moines, IA, and Maryland. Matthew plans to set up meeting with Peter Detmer.
- Also, suggested Madison Bicycle Infrastructure Facebook group.
- Discussed encouragement events, bilingual path signs, fundraising events, dissemination of literature, capital improvement program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.