

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting held at the Elgin Hotel, Hawthorn, on Wednesday, 10th July 2019, starting at 7:05pm.

Present: David Farrow, Mal Faul, Gordon MacMillan, Graham Ellis, Phillip Mallis, John Parker, with Peter Campbell in the chair.

Apologies: Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Peter Carter, David Hall, Jenny Henty

Minutes of previous meeting: accepted

Correspondence

In:

- Sundry commercial offers

Out:

- Cheque to 3CR and covering letter, cc to Chris Starr
- *Letter to Jacinta Allan 20/6/19 requesting co-ordination of Hawthorn to Box Hill trail planning with LXR at Union and Mont Albert Rds.*

Notes appearing in italics were prepared by Glennys Jones who was an apology.

Matters Arising

1 NEBC/NEL David F did attend the directions hearing. There were 160 submissions. A major issue raised was loss of parkland. Some people talked of the lack of proper cycling facilities. The Enquiry will be from 25th July to 10th September. Submissions have closed. People submitting will be able to address the panel if they requested time in their written submission.

The planning panels will be doing a drive through NEL on Friday 12 their itinerary is document number 12 on this link in case anyone just happens to be cycling through at those times.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link-project/north-east-link-project-tabled-documents> They have not included the sites requested by Boroondara council but may choose to visit them separately.

• *Planning panels have released public hearing timetable – three BBUG members have been granted times to present: **Glennys Jones 4 Sept 10am, David Farrow 5 Sept 4pm, Peter Carter 10 Sept 4pm***

2 Chandler Hwy Bridge David F is keen for a new ramp from MYT (from east) to join the new underpass. This would avoid a steep climb then a drop down at the start of the new underpass. He also wants seats reinstated. Peter C asked for thank you letters to go to Major Projects & councils about the new underpass, which was generally well designed & built. Philip offered. **Philip**

Underpass officially opened 22 June. Spoke with Anthony Carbines who would like to catch up to further discuss the Anniversary Trail crossing of the Freeway. Tom Melican was also in attendance.

3 Nil

4 Walmer St Bridge If a big cable is moved upstream the bridge job will be simplified. Authorities seem to be aiming for a lower cost bridge (narrower). Money is coming from the Coalition Government.

A contributing factor to the cost blow out on the proposed bridge design came from the assumption that the power lines would have to be underground. Parties have discussed options with the power company and a lesser cost option may be available. An alternative, lower cost bridge design is also being considered. A letter sent by WSBC to Minister to update him on these matters (?last week). Follow up meeting of coalition proposed for later this month.

5 Jacka Trail, North Balwyn – Balwyn Leisure Centre Nil

6 Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail – *See letter below sent 20 June 2019 to Jacinta Allan* There has been no useful response to this letter. Meeting with Will Fowles & others to be organised. How is the \$370k for planning being used? P Campbell to write letter to Boroondara Council. **Peter C**

7. Review of BBUG structure – need to look at website for relevance ??

8. Stonnington matters Nil

9. Toorak Rd crossing on Anniversary Trail Nil

10. Toorak Rd LXR – Glennys and John have attended drop-in sessions. The crossing is now a vast improvement on the original. Underpass is stated to be outside the scope of project. *No further response. Phoned John Kennedy's office 10/7/19 to see if they have received a response to their letter 1/4/19 to Jacinta Allan supporting delivery of these improvements as part of the Toorak Rd LXR. Staff member to follow up.*

11. Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities Nil

12. Fritz Holzer Park At least need pram ramp near church and access path to Harold St. *Council advises "Following the Special Services Committee meeting, officers will prepare a further report to be presented at the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 22 July 2019. A copy of the report will be available for public review by close of business Friday 12 July 2019. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider all feedback received and to make a decision on whether the project is to proceed or not. Residents who submitted feedback during the consultation or subscribed to the keep informed list will be notified once the report is available."*

13. Boroondara bluestone renewal policy Nil

14. Council/BUG catch up Tuesday 23 July **David, Peter, Glennys & Julia** to attend

15. Communication with BBUG members Email addresses will be uploaded by ?? Mail Chimp may be needed

16. Web Site and Twitter Account Nil

17 Eastern bicycle corridor and parking obstruction bike lanes on Mont Albert Rd. Remove as an item of business

18 Treasurer's Report There have been 2 donations to 3CR totalling \$400. The current term deposit of \$3686 will be renewed for 6months. For the financial year to 30th June '19 details are Total income \$106.62, Total expenditure \$502.00. Net assets are \$5,302.03. The report was passed by the meeting.

Malcolm

In the last year Julia Blunden has continued her tireless and thorough support of this BBUG by organising meetings, taking minutes and preparing correspondence. BBUG members give our grateful thanks to Julia for her work.

Other Business

1 Outer Circle Spur – Heidelberg Rd to Hurstbridge Rail Line –Darebin Council is in favour of this link being completed. At the moment there is a gravel connection for part of the distance from Hamilton St to Station St. *Kay Frank (from Ivanhoe Cycles) and Helen Moss have met with Kat Theophonous (State MP) and Ged Kearney (Federal MP) to seek support. They positioned posters opposite the food and coffee stalls at the Chandler Hwy underpass opening and collected signatures for a petition to State parliament. This Change.org petition collected over 1,100 signatures. Tom Melican is very keen to see this get up and brought it to Anthony Carbines (MP Ivanhoe) attention. Anthony said he will discuss with Kat Theophonous (MP Northcote) to see what can be done to support this. Kat pointed this out on the Travelsmart Map during a meeting with BBUG early this year. Local advocates have brought this to her attention and she is very supportive of it.*

New Business

1 At Springvale Rd (Nunawading Station) a new road pedestrian crossing is being installed above the railway tracks. This will replace the old crossing about 100m to the north. That location caused many people to cross in dangerous manners.

2 Council elections will be held in October 2020.

3 Chandler Highway big build. Refer to notes for "Matters Arising Item 2".

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Notes prepared by Graham Ellis

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Below is letter referred to in "Matters Arising Item 6".



The Hon. Jacinta Allan
Minister for Major Projects
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20 June 2019

cc: The Hon Jaala Pulford, Minister for Roads
The Hon Ros Spence, Parliamentary Secretary Road Infrastructure
The Hon John Kennedy, Member for Hawthorn
The Hon Paul Hamer, Member for Box Hill
Jim Hondrakis, City of Boroondara
Jeff Green, City of Whitehorse

Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail planning and LXRA coordination

Dear Minister Allan,

As long time supporters of the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail we and many people in local communities are delighted at the allocation of \$370,000 to prepare a plan for a shared trail from Hawthorn to Box Hill. This trail will be well used and

appreciated by pedestrians, cyclists and other users to travel between several local activity centres and to connect with the Anniversary and Main Yarra trails.

The removal of the dangerous level crossings at Mont Albert Road and Union Road creates an opportunity to deliver a key section of this trail for the community.

We understand that the LXRA anticipate early technical investigations to begin in the next month or so. This will provide information that will inform planning for the project. The LXRA hope to be in a position to commence community engagement later this year.

Coordinated planning of the Hawthorn to Box Hill trail and the LXRA will provide synergies and economies of scale and ensure the delivery of a high quality shared path.

The Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail Coalition includes advocates from Boroondara and Whitehorse communities. We would be delighted to become involved as stakeholders in this project.

Kind regards

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