

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 11th February 2015

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Peter Campbell (Chair), Glennys Jones, David Leong, Gordon Macmillan, Peter Carter, David Hall, Graham Ellis,

Apologies: Jill Young, Mal Faul, John Parker

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Sundry emails re Manningham BUG rides and events
- Sundry emails re Banyule BUG rides and events
- Various updates on Santos Tour Down Under
- Emails from Craig Richards and Chris Carpenter in response to letter re grade separations
- Email from RACV in response to letter re grade separations
- Email from Philip Watts re BTA's new premises
- Letter from Council re Urban Services Committee meeting when PPA for California Inn site to be considered
- Email re UWCT Perth, 27-29 March 2015
- Notice of decision re PPA for 138 Barkers Rd, the California Inn site

Out

- Letter to City of Yarra re centre line-marking (Mark Donnellan responded to this with a phone call. It was agreed that he should be invited to the next VicBUGs meeting.)
- Letter to Craig Richards, BN re shared paths in grade separations
- Letter to Brian Negus, RACV re shared paths in grade separations
- Letter to Ministers Luke Donellan and Jacinta Allan re TravelSmart maps
- Email to Chris Hui re locations for bike parking, pram ramps and path lighting

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Chris Hui is yet to organise a meeting to plan signing part of this route. **Peter Campbell** is still to follow up with Chris, and also contact Hawthorn MLA, John Pesutto, about this
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B contacted Community Coalition Convenor Graeme Martin to suggest requesting a meeting with the relevant minister in the new government. Graeme contacted Tracey Gosby at VicRoads and was told they still don't know who the relevant minister is but will let us know when they do. **Julia B** agreed to email Boroondara CEO Phillip Storer and cc John Luppino from Planning requesting an update on the status of the Boroondara PPA.
3. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report. It was agreed that this project should be kept separate from the NEBC.
4. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Peter Carter, Glennys Johns and John Parker met with BN's Jason den Hollander, Chris Carpenter and Dean Steinberg and found them quite supportive.

Chris Carpenter suggested that BBUG update the 'NEBC - modified' and seek the support of the key stakeholders ie local and feeder councils, to request the government to undertake a feasibility study of the proposal. Prior to finalising the proposal and meeting with the mayors of the relevant Councils, **Peter Carter** will brief VicRoads on this proposal. A mayoral letter like the one in favour of the Darebin-Yarra Link is needed. **Peter Carter and Glennys J** agreed to prepare a concise document outlining the project to present to the relevant mayors. It was suggested that Tom Melican could be asked for help with this process. Peter Campbell suggested re-opening the petition and Alister H suggested asking BN to help with getting more signatures.

5. **Stonnington Matters:** David H reported that Whitehorse Cyclist and Stonnington resident Michael Wellard was failing to make any progress with Stonnington Council.
6. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Glennys J has discovered, via Boroondara's Annual Report, that the dogs-off-lead issue is now considered to be resolved. BBUG has had no input into or information about this despite having this as a standing agenda item for our BAC meetings for over a year. This will be raised at our March BAC meeting and Chris Hui will be alerted to the situation. It was also suggested that this be an agenda item for our next VicBUGs meeting. There was general agreement that model or minimum rules should be prescribed at a state level. Dogs should always be on-lead on shared paths and at a minimum within 5m of shared paths. It was also agreed that there is insufficient policing of the law against riding with a dog on-lead. Glennys has written to the RSPCA about this. David F reported that he notified council about an accident he had while riding caused by an off-lead dog to Council some time ago but has had no response. This will also be raised at the BAC meeting.
7. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** BBUG complaints to Council have been acknowledged but no responded to. It appears that the heritage building is now to be retained. Glennys J has pointed out to Mayor Coral Ross that the High St footpath and pedestrian crossing section of the Outer Circle Trail were not included in the safety audit of the trail because at the time there was no alternative. Now however an alternative exists. The PPA for the car park is still to be decided at an Urban Planning meeting. There may be a mediation meeting prior to this. BBUG needs to be represented at these meetings. Peter Carter and Alister H have both lodged objections so should be notified about relevant meetings, but Julia B agreed to also ask John Luppino in Planning about these. It was agreed that a drawing or plan showing our ideas for this site would be very useful. **Peter Campbell** agreed to prepare a press release. **Julia B** agreed to write a letter to the *Progress Leader*.
8. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
9. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Glennys J has sent an email enquiry about this but has had no reply as yet. This will remain on the BAC agenda.
10. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** Glennys J attended and spoke at the Urban Planning meeting at which the PPA was granted. There was support for the idea of a shared path through the site from several councillors including Cr Healey. There is still a ray of hope that a deal may be done with the developer to include a right of way.
11. **Burke Rd grade separation:** Nil to report. It was agreed to replace this agenda item with opportunities presented by grade separations in general.
12. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** Nil to report
13. **New Edition of Boroondara TravelSmart Map:** It was hoped that the new maps would be available before the start of the school year but this deadline appears to have been missed.

14. Treasurer's Report: Mal Faul was not present but sent a report by email as follows: The cheque account balance is \$1487.47. The term deposit maturing 8/2/15 has been renewed for 12 months at 3.5% - the longer term is warranted because interests rates are expected to fall further. The balance of the deposit is \$3317.89 after interest accrual.

New Business

1. **Minister for Cycling: Peter Campbell/David H (which?)** offered to take this up with Roads Minister Luke Donellan and **Alister H** offered to do likewise with his local member Fiona Richardson. It was also agreed that this should be an agenda item for the March VicBUGs meeting.
2. **Additional Cycling Projects Needed in Boroondara:** David F had prepared a list of twenty additional projects, some park related, which he believes the BUG should be pursuing. Some of these projects are already in the Bike Strategy and some are already standing items on the BAC agenda. Some are even making slow progress. It was agreed that David should go through his list and identify the **new** projects so these can be listed on the agenda for the March BAC meeting.
3. **Shared Footways:** David F expressed the view that a number of additional shared footways (normal footpaths where cycling is permitted) need to be signed in Boroondara. It was agreed that this will be an agenda item for our next BBUG meeting and that specific locations need to be identified.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th March

Notes by Julia Blunden