

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 10th October 2018
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Ric de France, Glennys Jones (Chair), Julia Blunden, Graham Ellis, David Hall, Peter Carter, Alexis Olavarria

Apologies: David Leong, Mark Haywood, John Parker, Mal Faul

Minutes of Previous Meeting: accepted

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- Letter of support for Council grant application for lighting on Gardiners Creek path between Burke and Toorak Rds

Matters arising

1. North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link

Peter Carter and Glennys Jones have continued to attend meetings of the walking cycling consultative group, as has David Hall, and all expressed frustration re confidentiality issues, and the feeling that they are putting a lot of effort in but not seeing much return for this. The next meeting is due on 26/10. David Hall expressed concern about the need for an underpass at the north end of Bulleen Rd. David Farrow also expressed concern about access points. Aaron Rosenberg is the contact for cycling issues.

ACTION

Peter, Glennys and David Hall to attend the next meeting.

2. Chandler Hwy bridge

Glennys Jones reported that although she had been told that there would be no connection between the Guide Dogs and the NEBC it looks as if this is happening. Regarding the Anniversary Trail connection to the Chandler Hwy bridge Peter Carter outlined three possibilities:

The traffic signal will be moved and some improvements made to the pram ramps at a cost of about \$50,000, leaving us with the 2m wide path.

A better option would be to reduce/remove the median strip and add this width to the path bringing it up to 4m wide. Estimated cost around \$500,000. There was some discussion of whether this is actually possible given constraints on altering the existing bridge.

The best option would be a new bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the freeway, east of the road bridge. Estimated cost \$5M

Peter suggested that a very strong case would need to be made for the third option.

Julia Blunden informed the group that the new Chandler Hwy bridge will be open to the public for viewing 10am to 2pm, Saturday 27/10. Community groups may request tables to publicise their activities.

ACTION

Julia to forward the email with details of this event to BUG members.

3. Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High

This was raised at the last Council Catch Up. There had been no progress since the previous meeting. We were told that any questions regarding this should be directed to Jim Hondrakis.

4. Walmer St – John Parker, Glennys Jones

The next meeting of the community group advocating for the new bridge is scheduled for Thursday 18/10.

ACTION

John and Glennys to attend the next meeting.

5. Jacka Trail, North Balwyn – Balwyn Leisure Centre / Gordon Barnard Reserve Master plan

There was no news on this at the Council Catch Up. However there is \$30,000 in the council budget for scoping of the Glass Creek Link.

6. Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

Nil to report.

7. Review of BBUG structure – Mark Haywood

Nil to report. Mark has been away and has had other matters to deal with.

8. Stonnington matters

Nil to report.

9. Victorian BUGs meeting Monday 7pm, 17th September, Dan O’Connell Hotel

This was quite successful. The new venue was an improvement on the Rose room being larger and better lit. There were about 15 people in attendance representing a variety of BUGs and other organisations.

Philip Mallis’s presentation on the council planning process was well received.

ACTION

Julia Blunden will organize another meeting around April next year and try to get Jeremy Hanlon from Active Transport Victoria as the speaker.

10. Toorak Rd crossing on Anniversary Trail

This was raised at the Council Catch Up but there was no news.

ACTION

John Parker offered to ring Jeremy Hanlon at Active Transport Victoria about this.

11. Communication with BBUG members

Ric de France and John Parker are still working on this.

12. Council/BUG catch up Friday 21/9 – attendance, agenda items

This was attended by only three people: John Parker, Julia Blunden and Nellie Montague. Nellie informed us about spring bike courses, and two grant applications, one for a safety audit of five road crash sites, and the other for path lighting along the Gardiners Creek Trail between Burke and Toorak Rds. A letter of support was requested from the BUG for the latter, and this has been sent. There is also to be an investigation of the lack of provision for cyclists heading east at the Wallen Rd/Power St intersection. The Bicycle Strategy is currently being reviewed internally and Jonathan Florent is the staff member in charge of this. The 2018/19 budget includes four more bike repair stations, one of these to be installed near Ashburton Station. Wayfinding signage to the Darebin – Yarra link is in train. There was nothing to report on the Toorka Rd overpass.

13. Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities – David Farrow

At the Council Catch Up Nellie Montague’s response to the idea of giving shared path users priority at some road intersections was quite favourable, and she asked for a list of candidate intersections. She indicated that there is no need for counts. It is a matter of priority. If cyclists and walkers are deemed to have priority at a particular intersection this is sufficient.

ACTION

David Farrow will compile a list of candidate intersections and email these to Nellie Montague.

14. Web Site and Twitter Account – Ric de France

Ric has been dealing with a number of somewhat abusive tweets which he has reported.

15. Treasurer's report – Mal Faul

Mal Faul was away and had not sent a report.

New Business

1. Repairs to Paths:

Glennys Jones reported that she had observed that recent repairs carried out on concrete sections of the Anniversary Trail, used troweled rather than the BUG's preferred sawn joints.

Glennys also expressed concern that road gravel may be used for the planned resurfacing of the Ferndale trail, as has happened before. When she reported this to Nellie Montague the response was that this is a matter for Parks and Streetscape. Julia Blunden reported that Lilydale toppings have been used in recent works in the Smart St Reserve.

ACTION

It was agreed that Glennys will email Scott Lipscomb, cc'd to Jim Hondrakis, about both these matters.

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 14th November? subject to availability of function room