

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 11th December 2019

29 Elgin St Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance: Glennys Jones (Chair), David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Peter Carter, Gordon Macmillan, Graham Ellis, Peter Campbell

Apologies: Ric de France, John Parker, Mal Faul, David Hall

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
- Email from Peter Phillips re incident on Koonung Creek Trail with off-lead dog

Out

- Letter to Minister Jaala Pulford re access to Chandler Hwy Bridge underpass from the east, cc'd to Phillip Healey, Clare Davey and Jim Hondrakis

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** The NEBC was already in the reference design, but only one new active transport suggestion was taken note of during the panel hearings. NELA's list of complementary projects remains unchanged. Glennys Jones plans to ask Clare Davey if there's anything further the BUG can do. Peter Carter will speak to Geoff Green at Whitehorse.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** The historic bridge has now been officially opened. The bridge is generally good as is the Heidelberg Rd intersection. Glennys Jones noted that her suggestion to reinstate some bollards has been promptly acted upon. However it is likely that the slip lanes to the Eastern Fwy will be duplicated for car storage purposes, which will make the connection to the Outer Circle Trail even more unsatisfactory. A new pedestrian bridge is the only solution.
3. **Missing link in the Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Glennys Jones acted as an observer on the recent audit of the Anniversary Trail. Work has not yet started on this missing link. The design is still being finalised.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** Glennys Jones and John Parker attended a community coalition meeting on Tuesday evening. There is no prospect of a new bridge being built anytime soon.
5. **Jacka Trail:** A fenced dog park is planned for the Gordon Barnard Reserve, probably in the southeast corner. This shouldn't affect any through trail.
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that the group working on this has not met recently, but they have plans to produce a leaflet. Peter said he put the route on the map at the Bike Strategy Workshop held on 3/12. It was agreed that Peter needs to get onto the construction liaison group for the Surrey Hills and Mont Albert LXR. At the next Council catch up, in February, we need to find out who is the council contact for this.

7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was not present. Nil to report.
8. **Stonnington matters:** Nil to report.
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the Council catch up.
10. **Toorak Rd LXR:** The next meeting is on 3/12. Glennys Jones did a tour of the site last week. At that stage the pedestrian crossing was only temporary. Glennys asked for bike lanterns, puffins (that detect people still on the crossing and hold the light change) and for the activation buttons to be on the left. The project is expected to be completed in April.
11. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** Glennys Jones suggested that it would be best to split this into two or three separate projects: lighting, raising the path level, and possibly starting a dredging program. Glennys will renew contact with the Minister's advisor with whom she met recently to discuss this issue.
12. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Glennys Jones reported that this was raised during the safety audit of the Anniversary Trail and at the Bike Strategy Workshop, and that all the consultants were very supportive of giving priority to shared paths where appropriate.
13. **Fritz Holzer Park:** An unsealed link path has been completed. Remove from agenda.
14. **Boroondara Bluestone Renewal Policy:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the Council catch up.
15. **BUG-Council catch-up:** This has now been scheduled for 9.30 Tuesday 18th February. It appears that there is no limit on BUG members who may attend, but Julia Blunden asked that those intending to come let her know so that she can inform Gael Reid. Agenda items notified so far are:
 - New Bike strategy
 - Anniversary Trail missing link
 - Intersection priorities
 - Gardiners Creek Trail underpass at Toorak Rd
 - Chandler Hwy – issues with eastern approach path
 - Anniversary Trail at Toorak Rd – what can the BUG do to progress this?
 - Walmer St bridge
 - Bluestone renewal policyAny additional agenda items should be sent to Julia at least a week prior to the meeting.
16. **Communication with BBUG members:** Nil to report.
17. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Nil to report.
18. **Outer Circle Spur:** Nil to report. Remove from agenda
19. **Council Elections October 2020:** Peter Campbell reported that Astrid Judge from the Greens subcommittee has contacted him a couple of times asking for some key issues for candidates to focus on. Those present suggested the following: development of shimmies; the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail; shared path priority at minor roads; 40kph speed limits in residential streets
20. **Kew Recreation Centre Renovation:** All present agreed that Philip Mallis should be thanked for his excellent, very detailed recommendations for improved active transport access to the centre.
21. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul was not present and had sent no report. The issue of membership renewals is still to be resolved.

New Business

1. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy Workshop, Tuesday 3/12/19:** Five BUG members attended this workshop which meant that there was a BUG member on every table. The general feeling was that it was quite productive, and focussed less on vision and more on projects. There will be further opportunities for public input into the strategy.
2. **Boroondara Sustainable Living Festival:** Gael Reid is in discussion with the Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club about running a bike ride at the festival. Gael will keep the BUG in the loop and there may be an opportunity for us to contribute as well.
3. **High Speed Cyclists on Shared Paths endangering slower, less experience cyclists:** The problem was acknowledged by all present but there was no agreement on the solution. Suggestions included path widening, separation of pedestrians and cyclists, and speed limits but there was no agreement on which, if any of these can be implemented on the Gardiners Creek Path. There was agreement that as usage of paths increases upgrades are needed.

Other Business

1. **Amendments to Council Bylaw about Riding in Parks:** Glennys Jones and Peter Campbell have both had input into this process, which has been very unsatisfactory. It appears that the amended bylaw only permits learner or novice cyclists to ride on the grass in parks and others must keep to formed paths. An anti- bike-share clause has also been included in the amended bylaw.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th February? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden