

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 14th August 2019

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance: Peter Carter, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Graham Ellis, Mark Haywood (Chair)

Apologies: Ric de France, John Parker, Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell, David Leong, 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 to Roads Minister re Gardiners Creek Toorak Rd underpass
- Letter to Roads Minister expressing appreciation for the new underpass at the Chandler Hwy bridge and suggesting minor improvements

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Panel hearings started on 25/7 and have some time still to run. The Inquiry and Advisory Committees (IAC) updated Hearing Timetable (**version 6** dated 9 August 2019) is now available and can be viewed on the North East Link Engage Victoria website here: https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/1515/6531/0306/North_East_Link_Project_hearing_timetable_version_6_09_08_2019_-_Final.pdf

Peter Carter encouraged BUG members to attend some of the hearings as they are very interesting. Peter will be presenting on 27/8, Glennys Jones on 4/9, and David Farrow on 5/9.

2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** David Farrow expressed his disappointment about the lack of a new path to access the underpass from the east. Access is currently via the Guide Dogs path which has an unacceptable 11% grade. This issue is addressed in the letter composed by Philip Mallis, sent to the Roads Minister, which includes a diagram showing the desired path.
3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** This was discussed at the BUG-Council catch-up on 23/7. Jim Hondrakis is still finalising the land swap agreement with Camberwell High. Meantime Bushan Jani is working on details of the path alignment. There are some significant trees which need to be protected.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** There was a meeting on 31/7 but no report of this has been forthcoming. Sue Donovan of the Walmer St Action Group sent out a document prior to this meeting stressing the very problematic nature of the current situation where there is no budget for a new bridge.
5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report.
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell sent the following report:
We are working on preparing a leaflet for the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail.

We have not yet met with the LXR project people.

7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Julia Blunden agreed to forward an email by Mark Haywood outlining his proposal for incorporation.
8. **Stonnington matters including Toorak Rd LXR:** Nil to report
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** This matter was discussed at the BUG-Council catch up. Bushan Jani suggested that more counts are needed to demonstrate the need for this. The view of the meeting was that you can't count people who are not using a trail because of a gap like this. What might be useful is to count the number of students who are using the Darebin-Yarra link to get to school now that it is there.
10. **Gardiners Creek Trail Toorak Rd Underpass:** A letter has been sent to the Roads Minister about this. Glennys Jones has organised a meeting with the Minister's advisor on cycling matters later this month.
11. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Nil to report.
12. **Fritz Holzer Park:** This went to Council on 22/7. It was also discussed at the BUG Council catch-up. There will be no fenced dog park and no sealed paths, however a new section of unsealed path will be constructed.
13. **Boroondara Bluestone Renewal Policy:** Nil to report.
14. **BUG-Council catch-up:** Glennys Jones and Julia Blunden met with Clare Davies, Bushan Jani and Gael Reid on 23/7. Council has now installed 14 bike repair stations. Glennys requested a copy of the map showing their locations which has since been forwarded to members. Council is running a number of bike skills courses in spring. It is also organising a staff event for Ride to Work Day and offering incentives to local businesses to do likewise. In addition to matters covered in items above Clare reported that Boroondara and Whitehorse councils are working together on making sure that the HTBHT is considered during planning for the Union Rd and Mont Albert level crossing removals. ACOM have been appointed as consultants to prepare the new bike strategy, but there is no timeline for this as yet. There was no clear indication when/if the Sustainable Transport Officer position is to be filled on a permanent basis. Gael Reis is still acting.
15. **Communication with BBUG members:** Nil to report.
16. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Nil to report.
17. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul was not present and had sent no report.

Other Business

1. **Need for an overall philosophy/strategy to guide BUG actions and the new Bike Strategy:** Peter Carter expressed the view that BBUG lacks a clear vision of what it is trying to achieve and this is what is holding us back. Not all present agreed with this view.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11th September? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden