

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 13th May 2015
Function Room, Elgin Inn, cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendance and apologies

Present John Parker, Glennys Jones (chair), Peter Carter, David Farrow, Clive Lewis
Apologies Julia Blunden, Alister Huth, Mal Faul

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Response from Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources regarding Travel Smart maps, Walmer Street bridge, level crossing projects, NEBC meeting & Darebin Yarra Link.
- Email from Melissa Martyn regarding Anniversary Trail crossing at Eastern Freeway.
- Emails from City of Yarra regarding Merri Creek path closure between 11th & 15th May.
- Email from Moonee BUG advising of Melbourne Water's closure of the Maribyrnong River Trail for 12 weeks from the 11th May.

Out

- Letter to Council and VicRoads thanking those responsible for the installation of the Glenferrie Road Bike Lanes.

Matters arising

1. Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail: David Farrow has circulated a draft of a submission he was urging the BUG to make on the location of a route between Hawthorn and Box Hill that he thought that Council should sign. The BUG is yet to respond to the request for input from Chris Hui made last June. David was keen that members should have the opportunity to voice their opinion and also that any differences of opinion of members should be included in the response and if consensus on an appropriate route location should not be achieved. It was resolved that the BUG should submit its response before the next BAC meeting to be held on 12th June. Action : members wishing to voice their opinion on the route to be signed should make their views known.
2. Darebin – Yarra Link: Glennys Jones advised that she had been talking to Bicycle Network on delays to the link which she thought was being held up by Alphington Grammar School. David Farrow mentioned that he thought the immediate problem was land acquisition from City of Boroondara and also the Latrobe Golf Club that was holding up progress with VicRoads unable to get voluntary land acquisitions agreed which is delaying implementation of the stage 2 path works.
3. Belford Rd underpass – Nothing to report
4. North Eastern Bicycle Corridor: Peter Carter advised that following his meeting with the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources advocating government implementation of the NEBC. He was advised that the development of the future strategic planning of bicycle infrastructure would be determined with input from two groups of municipalities grouped on a north west and south east divide across Melbourne.
5. Stonnington matters – Glennys Jones advised that work was being done to install freeway signs from the East Malvern overpass and she had raised concerns with Bicycle Network on the encroachment onto the path. These concerns have been responded to positively by the company undertaking the work.
6. Domestic Animals Management Plan Review : Nothing to report other than information of a meeting visitor that he had been knocked off his bike by a dog on the Koonung Creek Trail which adds to the very sorry story of cyclists being brought down by dogs on this trail.
7. Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction: No new information on the intentions of the developer or of VicRoads. The developer is proposing an extension of a privately controlled car park for the use of hotel patrons which would jeopardise improvements that should be made to the Anniversary Trail. A number of BUG members have objected

to the proposal to use all of the site for an expanded car park which has some support amongst some residents but also a large number of objectors who see the land disposal as a wasted opportunity for urban improvement.

8. Jacka Trail, North Balwyn: The information given at the last meeting that Cr Philip Mallis had stated that it was now intended that the route would be located south of the ovals in George Barnard Reserve is an encouraging development. Building a path through Hislop Park would probably convince VicRoads of the merit of a signalised crossing of Balwyn Road for the trail which is a big concern for local residents who wish to have a safe crossing for school students.
9. Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail: No further information
10. California Motel site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove : Apparently the developer is going to VCAT to barge through a development on Old Kew Spur Railway reserve which should have included a shared path connecting a substantial population in Kew with Glenferrie, Hawthorn and the Yarra Trail at Richmond with a bicycle friendly route. A second best connection of a laneway has also been canned by Council.
11. Grade separation projects: Opportunities for improved cycle routes – Peter Carter related problems on the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail where the needs of cyclists have not been incorporated into grade separation projects specifically at Springvale Road and Middleborough Road.
12. City of Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy Development: No further indication but assuming that Council will be releasing it's strategy for consultation around mid year. David Farrow has been preparing material for a submission.
13. New edition of Travel Smart maps. Some members have got copies of the revised maps which members had an opportunity to have input to.
14. Minister for Cycling: An active transport group is being formed by the government but the Minister of Roads is the authority that is responsible for cycling matters in the interim period.
15. Treasurer's report: Malcolm F was an apology for the meeting but financial position is quite healthy.
16. Volunteer to organise and take minutes at June meeting during Julia's absence. David Farrow and Malcolm Faul to organise.

Other business

- 1 Kew Boulevard Tacker Some discussion on the issues raised by the cyclists protest against the tacking of the Kew Boulevard and the tardy response from the authorities to solving the problem. The meeting was unable to come up with a solution.
- 2 Anniversary Trail to Chandler Hwy crossing. The problems raised in correspondence of cyclists getting from the Anniversary Trail across to the Chandler Hwy bicycle lanes was discussed. It was agreed that the signal timing at the Guide Dogs pedestrian crossing was a significant issue.

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th June