

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 10th April 2019

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

MINUTES

Attendance: Ric de France, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Peter Carter, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair),

Apologies: John Parker, Peter Campbell, David Leong, Ken Parker

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 Jacinta Allan re inclusion of Gardiners Creek Trail Toorak Rd underpass rectification in LXR works

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that she had attended a public information session at Banyule which was very informative. There are more such sessions listed at https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/community/community-events?_ga=2.179870436.133113460.1555117744-114204078.1555117744
The Environmental Effects Study is now available online at <https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/environment/environment-effects-statement-ees> Note that submissions close on 7th June. If a submission is to be sent on behalf of the BUG it needs the usual 4 approvals. **Glennys is currently preparing a submission.** Banyule Council is preparing a submission asking for two main items: a Banksia St underpass and realignment of the Yarra Trail between Banksia St and Burke Rd. Boroondara Council is also preparing a submission, but Glennys doesn't know what will be in it. This will be an agenda item for the next Council-BUG catch up. Items we'd like included are: Belford Rd underpass, (N)EBC, Chandler Hwy – OCT connection, and Yarra Bend Rd – EBC connection. Peter Carter urged us to focus on the Reference Design.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Glennys Jones wrote to Minister Jacinta Allan in February and finally received a reply on 8/4, acknowledging the email but denying the need for a new bridge over the freeway to link with the heritage bridge. **Glennys will still push this with the NEL Community Liaison Group which is currently writing a report.** There is an issue with our proposed bridge interfering with view of the heritage bridge. An underpass at the end of Princess St is another option.
3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Nil to report.
4. **Walmer St:** Glennys Jones and John Parker recently attended a meeting of the Community Coalition. A VicRoads staffer reported that the short form business case has gone to the department and will go to the Minister. The current proposal is for a balanced, cable-stayed bridge. There are issues with services integration. The eastern building at Walmer St is due for completion in mid-2020. An interim link to the plaza may be needed if the new bridge not completed by then. Both Boroondara and Yarra council staff are pushing for funding. Glennys Jones and John Parker discussed this project with Kew MLA Tim Smith and there is now bipartisan support. Glennys has written a letter from the BUG to Tim Smith on behalf of

the BUG at his request.

5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Kew MLA Tim Smith is supportive. He is now shadow planning minister.
7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was absent and has still to organise another meeting of the committee.
8. **Stonnington matters:** Mal Faul has made suggestions about the Gardiners Creek Path. **Glennys Jones agreed to forward these to the group.**
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Jim Hondrakis is seeking a meeting with Will Fowles, MLA for Burwood, Cr Garry Thompson, and John Kennedy, MLA for Hawthorn. This is a shovel-ready project which just needs money.
10. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** David Farrow has not done any further work on this.
11. **Fritz Holzer Park:** David Farrow has not yet revised his proposed BUG submission. **It was agreed that we need to email councillors to support the plan when it goes to Council,** even though David is not entirely happy with it.
12. **BUG-Council catch-up:** Julia Blunden reported that she has heard nothing more about this from Bushan Jani. It was agreed that **Julia should email Jim Hondrakis, making reference to a conversation Glennys Jones and John Parker had with him about this.**
13. **Communication with BBUG Members:** Nil to report.
14. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Ric de France reported that the web site is up and running again. Julia Blunden asked if BUG meetings are advertised on our Twitter account and Facebook page. **Glennys Jones agreed to do this on Facebook.**
15. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul was not present and had sent no report.

New Business

1. **Boroondara Bluestone Policy:** This policy is due to be renewed later this year. **Julia Blunden agreed to download the existing policy, convert it to Word and highlight problem areas and suggest changes.** It was noted that Austroads standards are very anti bluestone. Comparison with City of Melbourne policy was also recommended.
2. **Meeting with Julian Burnside, Greens candidate for Kooyong:** **Julia Blunden agreed to organize this for the coming Friday.**
3. **Toorak Rd Level Crossing Removal:** Glennys Jones and John Parker have both raised this with John Kennedy, MLA for Hawthorn. He has been very supportive, writing to Minister Jacinta Allan to support the BUG's request for rectification of the Gardiners Creek / Toorak Rd underpass. Bicycle Network also support this project.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th May? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden