

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 8th February 2017

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Philip Mallis, Ric de France, Glennys Jones, John Parker, Graham Ellis (Chair), Peter Carter, Alister Huth

Apologies: David Farrow, David Leong, Ken Parker

Minutes of the December 2016 meeting: approved

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email from Cr Healey re dissolving of Bicycle Advisory Committee

Out

- Email to Ctr Healey, cc'd to all councillors, protesting against the dissolution of the Bicycle Advisory Committee

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Glennys Jones stressed the importance of having this project included in the Council Plan. It was agreed that Julia Blunden should email all BBUG members about completing the survey about the Plan asking them to mention the HTBHT and the NEBC.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** There was some discussion about the opening. It was suggested that Tour de France commentator, Matt Keenan, be invited.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** John Parker reported that he is still trying to organise a meeting with Yarra Mayor, Amanda Stone. Peter Carter said it is important that this project is included in the Victorian Bike Strategy which is being updated in the first half of 2017. John Parker got approval to send, on behalf of the BUG, a submission to the Victorian Infrastructure Strategy, asking for the HTBHT and the NEBC to be included.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** Glennys Jones reported that work on re-alignment of the Gardiners Creek Trail under High St is due to start on 20/2. The trail from Malvern Station to Tooronga Rd is also being redone (I'm not sure I got this straight!)
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Shared Trail at Camberwell High:** Graham Ellis agreed to make enquiries about the work currently being carried out at Camberwell High encompassing the strip where the missing link is proposed to go.
7. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** The contract for the new bridge is soon to be let. The scope of the project is still unknown. Glennys Jones has had some success with pushing for the removal of

the light pole from the centre of the Anniversary Trail crossing at the Eastern Fwy slip lane south of the Chandler Hwy. There is hope that this will be done, either as part of the bridge project or separately. It has now been decided that the train line will go under the road at Grange Rd. It was agreed that Fullham Rd is a vital bike route and the connection between this and the bridge is critical. Peter Carter agreed to contact the project director, Damien Afxentis, about this. Alister Huth expressed the view that the Outer Circle Path should be completed to Fairfield.

8. **Minimum Passing Distance Law:** Glennys Jones reported that the committee findings are still to go to Parliament. Peter Carter reported that a Whitehorse Cyclist member is taking part in a trial measuring actual passing distances of motorists.
9. **Tacks on Kew Boulevard:** No new developments. It is now believed that there may be more than one person involved.
10. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** Ric de France reported that the Twitter account is quite active.
11. **Walmer St:** The Minister has approved Option B with some minor changes. This was an agenda item at the Yarra BAC meeting being held at the same time as our meeting. Julia Blunden said that she would ask Sue Donovan from the Walmer St Action Group to communicate with both John Parker and Glennys Jones while she is away.
12. **California Inn Site:** Nil to report.
13. **Proposed Community Garden on Outer Circle Trail at cnr Earl St and Willsmere Rd:** Glennys Jones reported that she had received a reply from Cr Phillip Healey about this. By paying for the path relocation VicRoads is compensating Boroondara for other matters and this funding is not transferable.
14. **Strategic Plan for term of new council:** Glennys Jones urged all those present to complete the online survey at https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your_council/your%20say/Boroondara-Community-Plan-Stage-One Various means to encourage cyclists to participate were agreed on: emails to lists., BBUG Twitter and Bicycle Network. Writing of letters to Council is also desirable.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul was not present and had not provided a report.

New Business

1. **Meeting with Council Officers Friday 3/2:** This was attended by John Parker, Glennys Jones and Julia Blunden. The meeting was seen as very useful but falling short of the previous BAC meetings. The renewal of the Boroondara Bike Strategy was one agenda item. This will be in the 17/18 Council budget. It was agreed that we need a BUG document on this and that the March meeting should be devoted to this topic. It is important to consult with all our members and the bike spot map on our web site can be used to get input. The BUG was asked to suggest 4 more locations for bike repair stations, not on the Kew Bvd.
2. **Volunteer needed to organize March BUG meeting Wednesday 8/3:** It was agreed that Mal Faul should be asked to do this.
3. **Gardiners Creek Path Audit:** This was carried out by a consultant and Glennys Jones, along with two council officers, attended as an observer, though she was able to answer questions. Glennys commented that due to recent heavy rain the consultant was able to see the issues with

silt at the Toorak Rd underpass, and with the lack of drainage works at the Toorong Rd junction. Those present congratulated Glennys on her contribution.

4. **Malvern Rotary Club Ride:** Julia Blunden agreed to circulate details of this fundraising ride. Ric had already tweeted it.
5. **Apartment Bicycle Parking:** David Farrow had prepared a document on this subject. As David was not present Julia Blunden agreed to circulate the document for discussion at a later meeting.

Other Business

1. **Pedestrian Signals:** Peter Carter said that he had talked to VicRoads about this subject and found them quite receptive. He suggested that if any of us have issues with particular pedestrian signals we should report this to VR.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th March, subject to availability of the function room.

Notes by Julia Blunden