

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 8th October 2014

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Peter Carter, David Hall, John Parker, Peter Campbell (Chair), David Leong

Apologies: Mal Faul, Ken Parker, Hank van Apeldoorn

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Manningham BUG AGM and monthly minutes
- Copy of letter of support for NEBC from Anna Stempel
- Email from Graeme Martin re Darebin-Yarra Link – Alphington Grammar Land now acquired
- Email from Graeme Oke re Cycle.org.au Round Table, Saturday the 18th October, Northcote Town Hall.

Out

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Chris Hui is yet to organise a meeting to plan signing part of this route. **Peter Campbell** will follow up with Chris.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** Nil to report
3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that VicRoads have now acquired the land needed at Alphington Grammar and that the contract for the northern section of the link should be awarded in the next few weeks. There was some discussion of the issue with Boroondara Council and it was agreed that **Julia** should contact Chris Hui to ask if there is anything we can usefully do to progress matters.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Peter Carter and Peter Campbell attended an event on Sunday 5/10 at which Minister Terry Mulder announced the government's plans for \$70M expenditure on bike infrastructure associated with the East-West Link. Bicycle Network was also represented by Jason den Hollander and Garry Brennan, The planned works include a version of BBUG's North East Bicycle Corridor, termed the North East Bicycle Link. On closer examination of this many problems were identified, including a number of steep grades. Various actions were agreed on, viz:
 - Send a letter to the Premier and Transport Minister thanking them for their plans, but also pointing out the scope for improvements
 - Prepare a document for Bicycle Network listing the problems with the current proposal
 - Lobby Labor to build the NEBC and to have a realistic bike budget. Julia B suggested that Jill Hennessy, Shadow Minister for Public Transport, should be included in this lobbying as well as Luke Donnellan.It was also agreed that BBUG needs to find out what the next steps are and who they need to engage with on this project.

John Parker has become the contact for the *Progress Leader* and has agreed to be a joint BBUG spokesperson along with Peter Campbell.

There was some discussion of the Melbourne Water works currently being undertaken near/on the Guide Dogs site but it was agreed that there was no point in contacting them at this stage.

6. **Stonnington Matters:** John P received a letter from Fiona ?, a student, raising numerous cycling issues in Stonnington. Some good work has been done on the southern Yarra Trail at Canteen. However this was not a Stonnington initiative.
7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Nil to report.
8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Julia B reported that she had emailed councillors Heinz Kreutz and Phillip Mallis suggesting VicRoads be asked for some of their land at the junction in return for that required for the Darebin-Yarra Link through Willsmere Park. She has had no response as yet. It was agreed that the Harp Traders may be the most effective lobbyists. **Alistair H** reported that he has spoken to their convenor and agreed to follow up on this. The Harp Village Shopping Centre Improvement Plan provides an opportunity for all of us to lobby. See http://boroondara.vic.gov.au/your_council/building-planning/shopping-centre-improvement-plan/harp-village-shopping-centre Feedback is open until Friday 24 October.
9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
10. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report
11. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** This was raised at the September BAC meeting. David H suggesting pressing the idea of a services easement. The need for an acquisition overlay on the VicRoads site was also raised.
12. **Burke Rd grade separation:** Peter Carter met with Deanne Wittona? the team leader for the project. They are currently calling for expressions of interest. There are two bidders and the team will work with them for four months. The successful bidder will be identified in mid to late January. The issue of bike parking has been raised ; this is now a standard inclusion. However there is not my other provision for cyclists in the initial plans. Peter was urged to press for space to be provided for a bike path alongside the railway line in the tunnel. All comments on this project should go to Peter who is now our representative.
13. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** Nil to report
14. **New Edition of TravelSmart Map:** Since three BBUG members met with Chris Hui, Jim Hondrakis has indicated that Ferndale Trail will not be shown as a shared path as it is not up to standard. There has been no further news.
15. **Forthcoming meetings of northern and eastern groupings of councils to discuss strategic planning of bike paths – BBUG input?** It was decided that this is not worth pursuing and should be deleted from the agenda.
16. **BAC Meeting Friday 12th September:** Due to staff changes Mark Dornau chaired this meeting. It was agreed that we should press for removal of other speed humps similar to the one in Ferndale Park at the next BAC meeting.
17. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present.

New Business

1. **Meeting with John Pesutto, Liberal Candidate for Hawthorn:** It was agreed by the four BBUG members who attended this meeting that it had been very positive. Mr Pesutto appeared genuinely interested in the issues we presented. He personally forwarded an email to Peter with the media release about the \$70M proposed bike expenditure.
2. **Cycle.org.au Round Table, Saturday 18th October, Northcote Town Hall:** BBUG will be represented at this by a number of members including Glennys J, Alister H, and David F.

Other Business

1. **BBUG Email Address:** Currently emails addressed to boroondarabug@gmail.com go to Julia B and Graeme Stone. It was agreed that as Graeme is no longer a Boroondara resident or an active BBUG member this should be changed. In future these emails should go to Julia, Peter Campbell and John Parker. **John Parker** agreed to implement this change.
2. **Bicycle Network Board Elections and AGM:** Julia B reminded those present that voting for the BN Board is now open and closes at 5pm on 14th October. The BN AGM is on Wednesday 29th October, at BN HQ. RSVP to Jodies@bicyclenetwork.com.au
3. **Whitehorse Cyclists Advocacy Group:** David H reported that the relationship between the advocacy group and the club is being formalized by creating a position on the committee for an advocacy group representative. David also gave notice that after the state election he will be withdrawing from Boroondara BUG.

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th November

Notes by Julia Blunden