

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 10th May 2017

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Ric de France, Peter Carter (Chair), Mark Haywood, David Farrow, Michele Zaccaro, Graham Ellis, Peter Campbell

Apologies: Glennys Jones, Philip Mallis, Mal Faul, John Parker, David Leong, Ken Parker

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting: approved

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Reply from Tom Haysom, Stonnington, defending the work done on the High St underpass. It was agreed that **Julia Blunden, John Parker and Peter Carter** should meet on site with a view to refuting the points made in this letter and suggesting a more suitable design for the path.

Out

- Nil

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Nil to report.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia Blunden reported that while the link is progressing well there is still an issue with access from Alphington which ideally would be via Farm Rd. It was agreed that **individual members** should write to Luke Donnellan supporting this link as state government funding will need to be allocated.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Nil to report. Hopefully it will be included in the new state bike strategy now due out in September.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** see Correspondence.
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Works at the school oval have now been completed and it appears that space has been left for the shared path. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the catchup meeting with council traffic and transport staff on Friday 19/5.
7. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** There was some discussion of the need for works to be done on the Anniversary Trail south of the current project scope. **Peter Carter** agreed to pursue this with Glennys Jones and to seek a meeting with VR's Aidan McGann.

8. **Minimum Passing Distance Law:** Several BBUG members had been present at a demonstration in favour of such a law on the morning of the meeting. The bill introduced in the Legislative Council by the Greens was passed there, but subsequently failed to pass in the Legislative Assembly due to Labor's opposition to it. It was agreed that **individual members** should all lobby their own state MPs on this issue.
9. **Tacks on Kew Boulevard:** Nil to report.
10. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** Ric de France reported that we have lots of followers including some overseas.
11. **Walmer St:** Nil to report. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the catch up meeting on 19/5.
12. **California Inn Site:** Nil to report.
13. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Review of the strategy gets a mention in the draft budget but there is no extra funding provided for it. (Others may like to check that I have this right.)
14. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present but it had been agreed that financial reports are not required on a monthly basis.

New Business

1. **Meeting with Council Staff, Friday 19th May:** **Philip Mallis and Mark Haywood** will be attending this meeting along with **John Parker, Glennys Jones and Julia Blunden**. A draft agenda had already been sent out but additional items to be suggested were Anniversary Trail missing link at Camberwell High, Jacka Trail at Gordon Barnard Reserve and Walmer St. A list of projects awaiting government funding would also be requested.
2. **Promotion of BBUG at Council-run Cycling Courses:** Julia Blunden reported that she had received an email from Ken Parker suggesting that there is an opportunity to promote the BUG at the various courses that Sustainable Transport Officer, Nellie Montague, organizes. The BUG has an A4 flyer that needs some updating. It was agreed that a DL type brochure would be better and that efforts should be made to find someone who can design such a flyer for us. The BUG has sufficient funds to pay for this. If a designer is found we could possibly also pay for a brochure to promote the NEBC.

Other Business

1. **Visual Aids for Future Meetings:** Mark Haywood pointed out that the section of the function room we were in had a data projector and screen in it, and suggested that these could be used to display maps which would be a very useful aid to understanding the various issues under discussion at our meetings. It was pointed out that the other section of the function room has a TV which could be used for the same purpose. **Mark and Peter Carter** agreed to investigate these options further.
2. **Whitehorse Active Transport Action:** Peter Carter reported that this is now a new relevant organization in Whitehorse.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th June, subject to availability of the function room.

Notes by Julia Blunden