

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 14th April 2020

Upstairs Function Room, Elgin Inn

MINUTES

Attendance: Hedley Finger, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), David Farrow, Mal Faul, Ken Parker, Kate Prest

Apologies: Graham Ellis, John Parker, Philip Mallis, Cr Susan Biggar, Cr Victor Franco

Minutes of March Meeting: The minutes had been amended to include mention of the heritage listing for the Walmer St Bridge. Glennys Jones requested that they be further amended, to say that Yarra and Boroondara Councils are working together to find a solution.

Correspondence

In

- Sundry emails from other BUGs including newsletters, and links to surveys
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- BBUG submission to Council re Freeway Golf Course
- Letter to Cr Garry Thompson re Ferndale Trail between Summerhill and Ferndale Roads
- Email to LXRA clarifying issues with the Surrey Hills and Mont Albert LXRs

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that the BUG's recommendations re the Freeway Golf Course have been accepted. The Bulleen Park'n Ride has received ministerial approval. Glennys queried why only conduit rather than actual charging stations for electric vehicles has been included. It is unclear how demand for these will be measured. Other members of the Community Liaison Group also expressed dissatisfaction. An independent auditor's report recently released indicates that even more trees are threatened than previously acknowledged.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Nil to report. Remove from future agendas.
3. **Missing Link in the Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Nil to report. Remove from future agendas.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** Glennys Jones reported that Yarra and Boroondara Councils are working together on this. At the recent Cycling Advisory Committee meeting Jim Hondrakis indicated that Boroondara will need to move soon to replace the land bridge which is in very poor condition.
5. **Jacka Trail:** It was agreed that Julia Blunden should email Bushan Jani detailing our requirements for the pedestrian crossing, viz, push buttons to the left side of the path, bike lanterns, and pedestrian radar so that lights don't change until all users have cleared the crossing.
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that the Community Representative Group had met with the LXRA on the day of the meeting. The CRG is unhappy about the inadequacy of the information available to them. The LXRA position is that they are delivering a satisfactory shared path. Peter believes that a separated crossing at Union Rd is more important than one at Mont Albert Rd. This could be an underpass or an overpass. However, an overpass would be opposed by the residents of Sunbury Cr. Peter intends writing to Ministers Jacinta Allan, Ben Carroll and to the local MP Paul Hamer about this. Federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has given \$15M for car parking, which can possibly go

underground.

7. **Stonnington matters:** Nil to report. Remove from future agendas.
8. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Peter Campbell and Julia Blunden are still to arrange a meeting with their local MP, Will Fowles about this. Julia agreed to contact Will Fowles about this.
9. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** It was agreed that a wall beside the path may be the best solution. Peter Campbell agreed to send pictures of such walls to Kate Prest, Bushan Jani and Jim Hondrakis and councillors Susan Biggar and Victor Franco.
10. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** It was agreed that Julia Blunden would email Bushan Jani about his undertaking to investigate the options for the Anniversary Trail crossing at Abercrombie St. Also that we need to compile a list of crossings and that this needs to be included in Philip Mallis's list of projects.
11. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Glennys Jones has written to Cr Garry Thompson about this but has had no response as yet.
12. **BBUG Strategic Advocacy Planning:** Philip Mallis was not present. It was agreed that his list of projects is a very useful document.
13. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** It seems that the previous council put a dampener on this. However with a new, bike friendlier, council work on it has resumed, and it appears that the BUG will have more opportunities for input.
14. **Web Site:** Kate Prest has set up a new web site and wants member feedback on this. Julia Blunden agreed to send the BUG logo to Kate. Kate is working with Philip Mallis and Philip will look after the old web site and maintain access for members. Kate agreed to circulate the link to the new site again.
15. **Twitter account:** Ric de France was not present. Peter Campbell reported that he had tweeted about his dissatisfaction about the way money allocated for improvements to the Kew Boulevard is to be spent.
16. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul reported that the BUG bank balance is relatively unchanged. He will be sending out reminders for members to pay subscriptions soon.

New Business

1. **Melbourne Transport Forum Strategic Plan:** Cr Franco was not present to speak about this.
2. **E-Bike Libraries:** David Farrow had sent a link to members about the E-Bike Library in Canberra. David would like to see something similar in Melbourne. Kate Prest pointed out that it is possible to lease e-bikes from some bike shops as a way of trying them out. David agreed to develop a proposal to go to the State Government.
3. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Glennys Jones said that Cr Franco is very supportive of this project. The critical missing link is between Toorak Rd and Denman Ave. The existing goat track is currently fenced off. Glennys did a Snap Send Solve on this and got a response from a council officer. She proposed that we ask for money in the next council budget for the development of a concept plan. Council need to acquire the tennis court land to preserve public access. Glennys agreed to speak with Cr Franco and to write something up.
4. **Lack of Bike Parking at Camberwell Place (The Well):** Ken Parker said that he has raised this issue with the site office but got no satisfaction. This is a longstanding issue. There was agreement that

guidelines for the provision of bike parking should be included in the new Bike Strategy. It was also agreed that it would be worth involving Cr Di Gillies in the issue with Camberwell Place.

5. **Making it Difficult for Cyclists to use Shared Paths:** Ken Parker cited recently erected signs along the path to the south of the rail line between Camberwell Station and Lorne Grv. Ken agreed to take photos and circulate these. Kate Prest said she has raised this issue with Cr Gillies.
6. **Submission to Council Budget:** Glennys Jones said that the draft budget has not yet been released but that Philip Mallis should be asked to write a submission
7. **Guide Dog – Changes to Access Arrangements:** Glennys Jones reported that \$14M is to be spent on this. Work will start at the NW corner and there will be a new internal ring road. The entry will be moved further south, and there could be an issue with cars queuing and blocking the shared path. It is unclear whether there will be traffic signals at this point. Glennys has written a letter explaining the need to keep the path clear during construction. She is still seeking clarification about the plans.

Other Business

1. **Safety in Bike Lanes:** Ken Parker raised the issue of rubbish and other issues such as bumps due to tree roots, in bike lanes on arterial and other roads. Suggestion were to do a Snap, Send Solve and to write to Minister Ben Carrol.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th May 2021

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden