

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 14th July 2021

Function Room, Elgin Inn

MINUTES

Attendance: Peter Campbell, Gordon Macmillan, Graham Ellis, Philip Mallis, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Cr Victor Franco

Apologies: Glennys Jones, Mal Faul, Kate Prest, David Leong, Ken Parker

Minutes of June Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence

In

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

Out

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Clare Davey has indicated that it looks hopeful that the NEBC will be constructed as part of the NEL project. This is an item for the BAC agenda.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Philip Mallis reported that Salta have completed work on the plaza and it is every bit as bad for the shared path as we expected. Another item for the CAC agenda.
3. **Jacka Trail/Balwyn Rd Pedestrian Crossing:** Julia Blunden has emailed Bushan listing features the BUG want included in this and other crossings. Bushan has acknowledged this email but has not given any undertaking that our suggestions will be followed. Money has been allocated in the Council budget for the construction of the path through Gordon Barnard Reserve but there is as yet no commitment to continuing it through Hislop Park and beyond.
4. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that the LXRA continue to resist making any improvements to their very unsatisfactory design for the shared path between Mont Albert Rd and Union Rd. He has also found local MP Paul Hamer unsupportive. The next step is for Peter to write to Minister Ben Carroll, cc'ing Paula Hamer, and Boroondara and Whitehorse Councils, on behalf of BBUG and the other interested parties. The DoT feasibility study report has yet to be publicly released, and this needs to be queried. Philip Mallis offered to help Peter with this letter. Peter commented that Bicycle Network have been less than helpful with this project, leading their members to think that the current proposal is quite satisfactory.
5. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report. Another item for the CAC agenda.
6. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the CAC agenda
7. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Philip Mallis and Kate Prest have done a map of these and prioritised projects. Julia Blunden expressed frustration that not even a single tree can be removed to improve the Anniversary Trail Abercrombie St crossing, while thousands of trees are being felled for various road and rail projects. However there was a view that making the relevant section of Abercrombie St a pedestrian zone with a very low speed limit could be a satisfactory solution.
8. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Nil to report.

9. **BBUG Strategic Advocacy Planning:** Philip Mallis reported that all BUG projects have been mapped, using Open Street Map, and prioritised, and linked to the spreadsheet. Philip agreed to recirculate the link to this.
10. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** The draft strategy has still not been released. This is another agenda item for the CAC meeting.
11. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the CAC meeting.
12. **Guide dogs- change to access arrangements:** Nil to report
13. **Web Site:** The web site has been down. At present only the old site is online.
14. **Twitter account:** Nil to report.
15. **Treasurer's report:** Nil to report.

New Business

1. **CAC Meeting, Monday 19th July:** Peter Campbell and Julia Blunden said they plan to attend. David Farrow was uncertain, Julia agreed to follow up with Glennys Jones and John Parker. Julia also agreed to compile a list of agenda items for the meeting.

Other Business

1. **Pop-up Bike Lanes:** Victor Franco said that Cr Susan Susan Biggar is keen to see some pop-up bike lanes in Boroondara. Philip Mallis suggested talking to Moreland about this as they have six, which will be trialled for 12-24 months. They are asking for feedback on their web site, see <https://conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/transport-projects> It was agreed that we come up with three suggestions for the CAC. One possibility is the Sackville St – Wellington St corridor.
2. **Combined BUGs Meeting:** Peter Campbell observed that it has been a long time since we had such a meeting. It was agreed that using Zoom would make this much simpler. Julia Blunden agreed to try to organise a meeting in the near future.
3. **Alphington Access to Darebin-Yarra link:** David Farrow reported that funds have been allocated for this using the preferred Farm Rd route. A very good outcome.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11th August 2021

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden