

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 8th September 2021

By Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance: Glennys Jones, Philip Mallis, John Parker, Peter Carter, Mal Faul, Graham Ellis, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Betty Weeks, Ken Parker, Julia Blunden

Apologies: Cr Victor Franco

Minutes of July Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence

In

- Sundry emails from other BUGs including newsletters, and links to surveys
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email from Peter Carter re plans for Box Hill Central

Out

- Letter to MP Paul Hamer re accessibility issues with proposed new Surrey Hills Station, co-signed with other groups

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that the last Community Liaison Group meeting took place a week previously but there was nothing to report.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Nil to report.
3. **Jacka Trail/Balwyn Rd Pedestrian Crossing:** Nil to report
4. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Some BUG members had received two emails from Clare Davey just before the meeting. These concerned a proposal for a new open space at Union Rd Surrey Hills as part of the Level Crossing Removal project. Clare was proposing a meeting between Council Officers and BUG members to discuss this. It was agreed that Julia Blunden should email Clare agreeing to this suggestion, and asking for Peter Campbell to be included.
5. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** It was agreed that the BUG needs to follow up on this, and to push for improvements to the convoluted level crossing to the north as part of the project. It was agreed that Julia Blunden should ask Jim Hondrakis what progress has been made with planning for this project.
6. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** This was silted over once again after recent heavy rain. Glennys Jones offered to ring VicRoads to remind them to clean it.
7. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Philip Mallis reported that works are underway in Connor St in East Kew, which is a candidate for a reverse priority crossing. Ideally these conversions should take place at the same time as other work is being done. Philip agreed to follow up on this with Jim Hondrakis and Clare Davey, and to send a photo of this area to David Farrow.
8. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** This trail has been very busy during COVID, and there has been a lot of water lying along it after recent heavy rain. So far there has been no response to our request for widening and rerouting of the trail between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds.

9. **BBUG Strategic Advocacy Planning:** Philip Mallis said he had no changes to report and invited updates.
10. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Nil to report.
11. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Nil to report.
12. **Guide dogs- change to access arrangements:** Glennys offered to follow up on this and try to obtain a plan. She reported that there are plans for a café near the old entrance.
13. **Pop-Up Bike Lanes:** Philip Mallis reported on some pop-up bike lanes that have been installed in other municipalities, some of which are staying while others are going. Peter Carter suggested that the semi Ring Road around Camberwell Junction via Trafalgar Rd and Stanhope Grove is a good candidate for pop-up bike lanes and others present agreed. Peter will write to Crs Franco and Biggar about this.
14. **Markham Reserve Dog Fencing Survey:** Glennys Jones forwarded a photo of the set back fencing on the Gardiners Creek Trail between the golf course and Winton Rd. She received a positive response to this. It was noted that solar lighting is going up along this stretch at present.
15. **Victorian BUGs Meeting, 25/8:** This was well attended and participants were keen for further such meetings.
16. **Web Site and Slack:** Kate Prest wasn't present.
17. **Twitter account and Facebook:** Ric De France wasn't present. Glennys Jones reported that she hadn't been doing many posts on our Facebook page.
18. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul said that he has not yet pursued members for further subscriptions. Julia Blunden reported that she had learned from Faith Hunter that Moreland BUG have around 500 members. They don't charge them anything to join. Interested people just put their names in a database, and remove them when their interest ceases. Julia suggested that BBUG consider a similar approach. It was agreed that this be an agenda item for our October meeting.

New Business

1. **Revision of the Boroondara TravelSmart Map:** Boroondara and several neighbouring municipalities are currently revising their TravelSmart maps. BBUG has been asked for suggestions about changes needed to the current, 2015 edition. We have been given a pdf of the map with the facility to note proposed changes. It is important that all our suggestions appear together on this only. So far John Parker and Glennys Jones have marked up many valuable suggestions. The map is currently with Mal Faul who will mark his suggestions and pass it on to Ken Parker. Any one else who wants to make suggestions should let Ken know. Questions were posed about the inclusion of *proposed* facilities.
2. **Developments at Box Hill Central:** Peter Carter spoke about plans by the company Vicinity, which owns most of the land in this area, to progressively redevelop it, including some high-rise towers. His concern is that these plans do not take into account that this area is a crossroads for major east-west and north-south bike routes, or bike freeways, including the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail and the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail. He proposed that BBUG put in an objection to these plans. Peter offered to work with Peter Campbell on this. Julia Blunden agreed to forward Peter Carter's email with details of Vicinity's plans to BBUG members. Philip Mallis offered to help with the BUG submission, suggesting the correct planning buzz words to use.
3. **Next CAC meeting:** Julia Blunden suggested that we will probably have only one more CAC meeting before Christmas and asked when would be the best time. The feeling of those present was that it would be most useful to have this meeting when the Bike Strategy has advanced to the next stage. Julia agreed to

contact the council officers to sound them out about this.

4. **Victorian BUGs Meetings:** As already noted the recent VB meeting was welcomed by participants who were keen to meet again before the end of the year. Julia Blunden said that another meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 24th November. However new agenda items are needed if this is to be a success. One suggestion was asking BN's Nikk Hunter to do a presentation, possibly on the Super Counts Data Dashboard, Another was having John Parker and David Blom presenting their differing viewings on how wayfinding on bike trails should be done.

Other Business

Next Meeting: 8pm, Wednesday, 13th October 2021

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden