

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.30pm, Wednesday 13th April 2022

By Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance: Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), Julia Blunden, Philip Mallis, Mal Faul, David Farrow

Apologies: Cr Susan Biggar, Cr Victor Franco, Peter Carter, Graham Ellis, Kate Prest

Minutes of March Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence

In

- Sundry emails from other BUGs including newsletters, and links to surveys
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email from Emily Barker requesting notification when her student's resource goes on our web site

Out

- Email to Boroondara councillors re Jacka Trail inclusion in bike strategy
- Joint letter to Premier re concerns regarding Strategic Cycling Corridors and the Box Hill Metropolitan Activity Centre
- Joint Statement to councillors on 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that the next CLG meeting was to be on Friday 22/4.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Nil to report.
3. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell noted that the joint letter regarding the strategic bicycle corridors, which meet at Box Hill Metropolitan Activity Centre, had been sent. The letter was sent on behalf of BBUG, WATAG, MeBUG and Whitehorse Cyclists. It was sent to the Premier, and cc'd to relevant ministers, MPs, councillors and BN. Peter has spoken to Doug Morris at VicRoads who said that further funding for the HTBHT had been requested in the state budget. There has been an announcement about covering part of the rail trench at Surrey Hills but nothing about any improvement to the cycling route between Mont Albert and Union Rds.

Philip Mallis reported that the City of Yarra is currently working on a new Transport Strategy. Included in this is a new footbridge across the Yarra from Hawthorn. The relevant sections are the map on p34, and p24-25. It was agreed that there is a need to brief candidates for Kew in this year's state election on relevant projects. Peter Campbell said that he will seek to make contact with the candidates.

4. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that she has contacted the office of Matt Fregon, who will be the Labor candidate, and presumably member, for the new state seat of Ashwood, but has not had any response. She will follow up on this. Glennys has sent a one page summary of the project to both John Pesutto, who will contest the state seat of Hawthorn, and Monique Ryan, the independent candidate for the federal seat of Kooyong.
5. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** This silted up badly in recent heavy rain. It was agreed that a letter needs to go to Council from BBUG about the serious risks this situation presents. Julia Blunden agreed to draft a letter to circulate for approval.

6. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:**
Reconstruction of this section is well underway. Light grey concrete is being used. A short section at the Summerhill Rd end is 2m wide, presumably to spare trees, but the rest of the path is 3m wide, and the low section approaching Ferndale Rd is being raised which will hopefully reduce flooding if the path.
7. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Peter Campbell reported that there has been a misinformation campaign against the proposed Jacka Trail, depicting it as a commuter route for fast cyclists. There is a real danger that the strategy will not be adopted by council. A joint statement in support of the strategy has been sent on behalf of BBUG, Kooyong Climate Change Action, Lighter Footprints and ACF Boroondara. Julia Blunden agreed to send a message to BBUG members asking them to contact their ward councillors in support of the strategy.
8. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Nil to report.
9. **Guide Dogs- change to access arrangements:** Nil to report
10. **Pop-Up Bike Lanes:** Philip Mallis reported that some of these lanes are now being installed in the City of Maribyrnong but that there is some opposition to them..
11. **Developments at Box Hill Central:** See correspondence and MA item 3.
12. **Victorian BUGS Meeting 27th April:** Julia Blunden reported that there will be two speakers, Stephen Hodge, Director, National Advocacy, WeRide Australia, and Nikk Hunter from BN. Peter Campbell agreed to chair the meeting. The speakers will be first on the agenda and BUGs can provide updates on their areas in the time remaining.
13. **Web Site and Slack:** The new web site has not yet been launched.
14. **Free Membership Database:** Mal Faul said that he would send his updated database to Kate Prest. Peter Campbell said he will contact Kate to offer any assistance she requires to set up the new membership database.
15. **Twitter Account and Facebook:** There has not been much activity on our Twitter account but Glennys Jones reported that there had been quite a lot of activity in response to Peter Campbell's FB posts. It was agreed that information about the Yarra Transport Strategy should be posted on FB. Philip Mallis offered to send the relevant information to both Peter and Glennys asap.
16. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul reported that the bank balance in the current account is \$1208.28. The Term deposit balance is \$3833.89. Interest in January was \$6.61, and the next maturity occurs in July.

Other Business

1. **Letter of Thanks to Craig Richards:** Glennys Jones suggested that as Craig Richards is due to leave as CEO of BN it would be appropriate to send him a letter of thanks and good wishes from BBUG. Julia Blunden agreed to draft such a letter.
2. **Kooyong Campaign:** Peter Campbell reported that independent candidate, Monique Ryan, held a media event in support of the HTBHT but that there has not been any coverage of this. Peter said that Monique is campaigning strongly.
3. **Metropolitan Transport Forum:** Philip Mallis reported that Cr Victor Franco has been elected as Deputy Chair of the forum and that he himself is an ordinary member.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Wednesday, 11th May, by Zoom

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden