

Wednesday, Oct 26th, 2005

CBD BUG Meeting

12:30 – 1:30pm

BCC Library Theatre

Meeting called by: CBD BUG

Type of meeting: CBD BUG Business

Facilitator: P Murdoch

Note taker: Sebastian Tauchmann

Timekeeper: P Murdoch

Attendees:

Lindsay Fawdry; Kate Yeomans; John Nightingale; Mark Stanley; Liam McCarthy; Michael Langdon; Rodney James; Peter Whittle; Deanna Herbst; Ann Stephens; Aaron Wray; Paul French; Ilan Ivory; Michael Strasser; Malcolm Brown; Justin Fenton; Greg Blackburn; Jon Coleman; Elizabeth Catchpole; Nigel Cox; Sebastian Tauchmann; Paul Murdoch.

Minutes

Agenda item: Apologies

Presenter: P Murdoch

Discussion:

Apologies were received from Robyn Davies; Siggy Nowack; Greg Waite; Amanda Smith; Jon Eastgate; Jeff Isles; Jonathan Skelton; Anthony Lee, Shane Hackett.

Agenda item: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Presenter: various

Discussion:

CBD Bug website - Michael Strasser/ Justin Fenton

- Justin advised that the Yahoo Mailing List was live, and ready for subscriptions. He tabled a instruction sheet on how to subscribe which he had prepared;
- Michael raised the issue of whether a Yahoo Mailing List would actually meet the BUG's needs, particularly if access for non-members was thought important. He advised of some work he had done experimenting with some software which might be available to the BUG, and queried whether the BUG should register the cbd_bug.org domain name (which was currently available) and utilise the software on that site. He thought the cost would be about \$99 per year;
- Peter Whittle advised of a great examples of a BUG website setup by Boroondara BUG in Victoria (see <http://www.boroondarabug.org/>);
- Michael Strasser, Ilan Ivory and Malcolm Brown agreed to undertake some investigation before the next meeting in regard to website ideas.

Queen's Plaza (QP) Update – Mark Stanley

- BCC can't tell building owners what sort of bike racks to install, or force them to install signage. Can make suggestions
- General discussion regarding whether we push for BCC to acquire the power to mandate minimum standards for bike racks. Peter Whittle suggested that while mandating such things probably isn't required, as strong suggestions made by council would probably be taken up by developers.
- Paul Murdoch advised that contact with the QP car-park owners had occurred following a meeting with Councillor Hinchliffe, and further advice on desired facilities and signage may eventuate. Shane Hackett (ATU) had also been asked to follow-up this issue.
- Liam McCarthy will follow-up signage issue with Tim Capes, one of the BUG members who had first raised the issue, seeking suggestions as to what signage might be needed at QP.

Bike parking issues – Mark Stanley

- Mark advised that he had circulated a data-base of public bike parking facilities currently existing in the BCC area to the BUG, and sought feedback on any omissions. Members were asked to contact Mark at BCC on 3403 5709, and describe the location, type and size of any missing facility.
- Paul Murdoch to circulate Mark's database;

- Ilan Ivory offered to organise, via BBTA, rides to 'map' parking facilities which appear to be missing from data-base. Ilan to liaise with Mark, and publicise any rides to BUG members.
- It was pointed out that poor bike rack installations (e.g. at Southbank) prevent effective use of racks – should be pointed out (to BCC ATU via call centre)
- It was also queried whether BCC bike racks be installed in privately owned car-parks rather than rot in storage (as no funds currently in budget for installation)? Mark to follow-up.

Bike Theft – Mark Stanley

- BCC, Qld Police, Education Qld and QUT (seeking involvement of CBD BUG) to start an awareness raising campaign re: bike theft
 - Lock recommendations
 - How to lock up a bike effectively
 - Your bike is sitting somewhere that people like to nick things from
- Qld Police have offered to hold a free “engrave and register your bike” day in conjunction with this campaign.
- Mark to advise of further details as they come to hand.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Obtain details of bike theft awareness campaign	Mark Stanley	asap
✓ Investigate CBD BUG website options	Michael Strasser, Ilan Ivory, Malcolm Brown	Nov 30
✓ Recommend improvements to QP bike parking signs	Liam McCarthy, Tim Capes	Nov 30
✓ Distribute Bike Parking Database	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Add missing bike parking facilities to database	Mark Stanley; all CBD BUG members	On-going
✓ Organise bike parking tours of the CBD and surrounding areas	Ilan Ivory	On-going
✓ Determine if BCC bike racks can be installed in private car parks	Mark Stanley	asap

Agenda item: Reports

Presenter:

Discussion:

1. SEQ IRCNP Workshop – Sebastian Tauchmann

- Held Thursday, October 13th
- Attendees: Paul Murdoch, Sebastian Tauchmann
- Review of current maps (around 2003)
- Raised 5 Main Projects for the Brisbane area, 4 of which are directly useful for CBD commuters
- Routes from NW, S and E Brisbane to CBD
- Gateway duplication to cater for cycling
- Awaiting feedback and updated maps for stage 2

2. CBD BUG & BCC Meeting – Justin Fenton

- Held Thursday, October 20th
- Attendees: Justin Fenton, Paul Murdoch, Amanda Smith, Sebastian Tauchmann
- End-of-trip facilities - suggested a rebate scheme to encourage CBD building owners to retro-fit end-of-trip facilities. Will be investigated with some interest.
- Road Safety
 - CBD Masterplan calls for reduced speed in the CBD for increased pedestrian friendliness. CBD BUG expressed its support for this type of measure, which also has the advantage of being cheap to implement.
- Bike Parking
 - We stressed that survey results revealed that many cyclists were forced to put-up with sub-standard end-of-trip facilities, unless (generally) they had employer-provided facilities. As such, the proposed commercial King George Square bike facility with secure parking, showers, lockers and other facilities would meet a real

- need and was strongly supported.
- This facility needs our support – in planning stages and some hurdles need to be overcome. Communications in support of the KGSCC need to go to the Lord Mayor, Councillors Quirk and Abrahams, and the Transport Minister Lucas.
- Helen Abrahams asked us (i.e. CBD BUG) to identify which crossings in the CBD should be "green lighted" i.e. switched to be able to let bicycles ride across legally.
- Paul Murdoch will draft and send letters to each of the above on behalf of the BUG; all BUG members are encouraged to contact (mail or email) these people themselves as well;
- Malcolm Brown requested an article for Queensland Cyclist re the above, in order to encourage membership lobbying as occurred with the Gateway duplication; Elizabeth Catchpole undertook to have similar article included in BBTA newsletter;
 - Paul Murdoch to draft and send article..
- Paul will also send the contact details to the mailing list for people to pass on to other interested parties.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft letters on behalf of CBD DUG to the Lord Mayor, Councillors Quirke and Abrahams, and the Transport Minister, Paul Lucas	Paul Murdoch	
✓ Article for Queensland Cyclist newsletter	Paul Murdoch	Oct 26
✓ Article for BBTA newsletter	Paul Murdoch	
✓ Identification of which CBD pedestrian crossings are suitable for conversion to Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings – to be discussed at November's meeting	Everyone	
✓ Distribute contact details for lobbying for KGSq facility	Paul Murdoch	

Agenda item: CBD BUG Survey **Presenter:**

Discussion:

1. Please fill it in if you haven't done so.
2. Getting a nice data set of people willing to escort other commuters

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Fill in Survey	Everyone	Today

Agenda item: Other Matters **Presenter:**

Discussion:

The desirability of organising a tour of some of the 'best practice' current bike facilities in CBD buildings was raised, including DPI, BCC and several others. Peter Whittle and Paul Murdoch to liaise.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Organise tour of good CBD facilities	Peter Whittle, Paul Murdoch	

Agenda item: Next Meeting **Presenter:**

Discussion:

Paul Murdoch to contact a representative of the consortium to manage the proposed King George Square bike-parking centre with a view to speaking to the next (or a later) CBD BUG meeting.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 30th. Same place, same time.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Contact representative of King George Square consortium

Paul Murdoch