

Donna Conkling

From: John Gliedman <gliedman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 12:06 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Donna Conkling
Subject: Re: Car crash on August 11 demonstrating the Norm at Lyons/Sprague Intersection

Thank you. PS. Please note that the study being conducted may not account for two slower-than-normal-causal conditions at the intersection not typically there, possibly skewing radar speed results downward:

(a) construction trucks parked at both sides of the Western wing of the intersection (b) two cars on either side parked at the Eastern wing of the intersection, in both cases causing driving cars to drive slower than normal this week.

But there is no mistaking a collision of the type that occurred Sunday, even so, and what can be observed by simply visiting the intersection at various times of day and speaking to the neighbors regarding its inherent hazards.

Thanks again, and with respect,

John Gliedman

> On Aug 15, 2019, at 1:59 PM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

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> John.

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> Thank you for your email. As you are aware, the Village has been engaged in reviewing this request over at least the past several months. And, I recall that you mentioned the request to me at the April community coffee meeting I held.

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> In a brief discussion with the Village Manager the other day, there may be potential issues with the requested stop signs based on the traffic and intersection criteria used to determine where stop signs are placed.

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> Please permit me a little time to review this matter further with the Village Manager so I can better understand your concerns and any potential limitations the Village may have in placing stop signs on the Sprague corners.

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> One of us will get back to you.

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> Best regards,

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> Marc

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> On Aug 15, 2019, at 11:49 AM, John Gliedman <gliedman@gmail.com<mailto:gliedman@gmail.com>> wrote:

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> To the Village of Scarsdale:

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> 21 residents living in the vicinity of the intersection of Lyons and Sprague Roads in Scarsdale - the site of a crash on Sunday morning, August 11, 2019 - have signed a petition this same week seeking two stop signs on the Sprague-facing corners as the necessary complement to the inadequate two signs on the Lyons corners.

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> Attached are the following:

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> (1) The signed petition, which references the crash and other items;

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> (2) The police report based on eye witness accounts of the August 11, 2019 incident; and

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- > (3) A 10 second video clip demonstrating that even with a view not obstructed by shrubbery, the intersection is a surprising one because it is impossible for a driver to have full visibility.
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- > The combination of the above illustrates the hybrid nature of this intersection. On the one hand, Sprague Road is a fast moving artery-road - even when cars are driving within the speed limit. On the other hand, Lyons is a highly residential street with inherently limited peripheral visibility that renders the existing Lyons-side stop signs virtually ineffective. The confusion that is the norm at this intersection is caused by: (a) the inherent blindness at this corner evinced by the video clip, (b) the large speed differential at this corner between the Sprague artery and the side road Lyons, and (c) the lack of consistency between (i) four-way stops elsewhere nearby and (ii) this intersection, which lacks a four-way stop setup, by contrast.
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- > The two-car crash, on a sunny Sunday early morning, is not a surprise. Shrub removal and even voluntary speed reduction would not clear this issue, as shown by the simple, ten-second video clip, which depicts the corner with the clearest view. A normal fast car comes from Sprague, appearing out of nowhere. The stopped car has a very bad line of sight to the Sprague traffic. This problem is the norm at this intersection. (Now imagine what would occur on the corners with shrubbery; then imagine it at night. Then imagine a speeding rather than a normal fast car.)
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- > The crash was fast enough to knock chrome off of one of the vehicles involved. It was loud enough that it drew upset children and parents to the scene. As noted in the report, both cars sped away and we do not know the identify of the drivers, so it was counted as an 'incident' rather than an 'accident' by the police; indeed, this was an outcome that could have been prevented by the addition of 2 stop signs on the Sprague corners. The neighbors all remember similar such 'incidents' over the years; whether they were historically recorded or not cannot override the reality of this intersection's limited line of sight. The neighbors are passionate about this problem and are tired of driving like they are taking their chances of getting hit or causing a collision. The 21 listed individuals equate to 21 distinct homes in the area.
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- > Stop signs on the Sprague corners would slow the traffic coming from Sprague to a point of equality with the Lyons traffic speed. Therefore, we very much hope for a review and finding of adding 2 stop signs consistent with what the residents here know to be true. The Fall coming upon us will bring more children walking to elementary school, waiting at the nearby Middle school bus, and darker evenings with limited visibility and lines of sight.
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- > Thank you for all that you do - we respect our Village professionals and leaders and know that they will do the right thing in view of this and any other information. I am happy to discuss with any questions; additionally, the neighborhood petitioners have listed their email addresses therein should you wish to approach them for any reason.
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- > John Gliedman
- > (On behalf of my neighbors who eagerly signed the petition, their children and the vicinity in general)
- > 917-575-7177
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- > <IMG_0322.MOV><PetitionLyons 8-14.pdf><SPD Report 8-11-19.pdf>
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