

Concerned Citizens Near Lyons/Sprague Intersection, Scarsdale

August 30, 2019

Dear Members of the Traffic Safety Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to consolidate our perspectives, particularly because of the August 11, 2019 car accident. This is in support of the August 15 email with the neighborhood petition and other attachments, and August 20 email sent by John Gliedman, which are incorporated by reference. Our neighbors include public servants who work for the Village and elsewhere in hands-on public safety capacities of a vital nature (Fire, EMT, Medical) who feel the same way we do about this intersection. We do not feel it necessary to name all of them as we are attempting to resolve it by correspondence, at this time, including our petition.

The accident was eye-witnessed by one such professional, Dr. Erin Rescoe, who lives at the intersection and is a co-signer of this letter. Dr. Rescoe is a hospital pediatrician who lives right by the intersection. She has trauma experience. She knows the importance – as we know you share at the core of your work – of road safety in the suburbs as a distinct discipline. The accident was shocking for her children standing along with her at the lawn to witness, but it was not a complete surprise to her because of her belief that the intersection can be a hazard. For Dr. Rescoe, proactive steps when the evidence is clear are more important than approaches to traffic calming more appropriate for other environments, even possibly elsewhere in our Village, than this intersection.

The principles of reasonableness and uniformity would favor adding two stop signs since other four-way intersections on Sprague right nearby *do* have all-way stop signs. A lack of consistency here causes confusion at this intersection, which has cars driving at high speeds on one street (Sprague) but cars going relatively slower on the street with existing stop signs (Lyons). Speed tests here show a likelihood of a serious accident – almost 50 speeders per day. After a request by email to add stop signs was made last April that did *not* result in such stop signs, a crash occurred this August. That is strong proof of the wisdom of supplemental signs here.

The intersection is inherently blind regardless of shrubbery. We see no alternative to signs that would prevent such a result. We are more than happy to walk the intersection with you. Finally, we disagree with anyone who believes that slow-rolling over added signs is a serious concern relative to a high-impact crash in this context. The presence of many small children living in this neighborhood make this a clear case for the added signs to avert a crash that would cause personal injury or worse at high speeds. Please make it so in order to avoid the worst.

Thank you for all that you do.

/s/

Erin Rescoe

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John Gliedman