

CSAC MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2025 revised

Attendees:

Members: Anastasia Bamberg, John Prieto, Jane Remis, David Rosen, Elizabeth Rottinger, Barbara Sacks

Liaisons: Frank Mortimer (Village Council), Sheila Brogan (Board of Ed)

Advisors: Chris Piersa (Engineering), James Bigos (RPD)

Visitors: Rurik Halaby, Cathie Kearns, Cynthia O'Keefe, Kristina Milian, Jacqueline Hone, Julissa Blanchard, Susan Lee, Carrie Fitzgerald, Rebecca Burger, Andrea Mishlee, Lorraine Hagen, Ian Keller, Ana Goldsmith, Jaclyn Hummel, Colleen Tansey, Dennis Murphy, Jeffrey Beasley, Bryan McBurney, Molly Winik

A. CSAC MEETING PROTOCOL STATEMENT

B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A group of residents from the Kenilworth/Laurel Road area asked the village to perform additional safety measures at the intersection of Kenilworth Rd. and Laurel Rd. due to an increase of traffic accidents/ incidents. They stated that speeding along Kenilworth Rd. was a problem.
- A parent from Friends Neighborhood Nursery School mentioned two recent incidents involving through traffic during pick-up and drop-off times. She requested that the village enforce regulations and consider changing signage.
- Residents of the West Saddle River Rd. neighborhood requested additional pedestrian safety enhancements for their neighborhood. A resident asked the village to remove a u-post stub on Betty Ct. that posed a potential safety hazard.
- A Race Track Rd. resident requested a comprehensive review of pedestrian safety in the Schedler area, including the Park and Ride, and the exit from Route 17 North.
- West Glen residents requested an update on the design and installation of sidewalks and retaining walls.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. W. Saddle River Rd traffic issues updates (Engineering/RPD): Two new speed signs have been installed in the neighborhood. RPD stated that the NJ State DOT would make the decision whether or not rumble strips would be authorized on West Saddle River Road near the exit from Route 17N. A polling letter would need to be sent to local residents before rumble strips would be considered.

2. Sight Triangle Obstruction Location updates (Engineering): The village continues to send out a summons to homeowners who are not in compliance. The Court has granted a 60 day extension to homeowners who are not in compliance. Progress continues in addressing intersection sight obstructions but has been impacted due to the winter weather.

3. W. Glen Ave sidewalks updates (Engineering): The Village is organizing meetings with residents to discuss the design of retaining walls, sidewalks, and grass verges in front of their properties.

4. Intersection of E. Glen and Oak update (Engineering/RPD): Surveys have been distributed to residents on Bryden Place to gather their opinions on converting Bryden Place into a one-way street, and responses are currently awaited

5. CBDAC updates (Rosen): at the last CBDAC meeting, CSAC Committee liaison David Rosen discussed the changes in the timing of the traffic light at Franklin and Oak Streets.

6. Franklin at Oak traffic light timing updates (RPD/Engineering): The timing on the traffic light has been changed to allow pedestrians longer time to safely cross Franklin Ave. Also, the new signal timing gives vehicles travelling down Oak St. additional time to turn onto Franklin Avenue eliminating the traffic backup on Oak Street that existed in the past.

7. Highwood Ave, Friends Neighborhood School updates (RPD/Engineering): Various options for enhancing safety in front of the school were discussed. An observation by the RPD found no

speeding at that time. Once the weather improves, a traffic study will be conducted by the RPD. Engineering will explore traffic control options to slow traffic and alert drivers to the school's presence

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accident of January 27, 2025 at Kenilworth and Laurel (RPD): Certain residents requested a 4 way Stop at the intersection of Kenilworth Rd. and Laurel Rd. as a means to mitigate traffic concerns. Engineering explained that the intersection did not satisfy the criteria for a 4 way Stop. The Signal Division has installed four Stop signs with reflective sign post material (two on each approach on Laurel Rd.). A speed study will be conducted, and recommendations from RPD and Engineering will be made based on the results.

2. Sidewalks and snow removal issues (Mortimer/Engineering/RPD): Councilman Frank Mortimer is working with the village manager to resolve problems with snow removal.

3. Announcement of next scheduled CSAC meeting: March 20, 2025

4. John Prieto was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the CSAC