

**Complete and Green Streets Task Force (BHCGSTF)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov 26th 2024: 7:30PM**  
**Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Attendance (Task Force Members): John Leo (Chair), Dana Nigro (Vice-Chair), Bronny Mukherjee (Secretary), Lauren Perl, Gale Bradford (BHPS), Sgt. William Fettes (BHPD) Councilwoman Margaret Illis, Councilman Manuel "Manny" Couto, Steve Carrellas, Rich Caruso

7:41 pm - Call to order

- John's opening remarks, brief on recommendation document
- Motion to approve meeting 1 minutes by Steve, seconded by Margaret
  - all in favor
- Motion to approve meeting 2 minutes by Margaret, seconded by Sgt. Fettes
  - Request to remove bullet point 2 of Snapshot/Data briefing by Steve; removed
  - all in favor
- Resident Transportation Experience Survey showcase - John
  - Discussion on length of survey and distribution methods

Town Council Report and Recommendations Plan of Action - Margaret

- Margaret summarized that the Township asked for a variety of traffic studies earlier this year. Reports from engineers received, but township has questions on some of the reports and so they are not yet published. Report about speed on Park Ave supported lowering speed limit there. The town council work with police department and engineers to figure out what to reduce it to, discussion will occur at council meeting open to public.
- Also suggested by residents to look at school zones, specifically at Park Ave
- Engineer will present report to town council, then council actions will be derived from that

Snapshot/Data - Steve

- Available in group Drive for review: crash analysis
- Discussion on availability of data add per Winter Walk Wish Wall, seniors event and new survey
- Dana's question on Steve's report: Why can't we include the Nov. Springfield Ave. pedestrian crash in the report
  - Steve: The study period has to be consistent, a cutoff period is necessary
  - Discussion ensued about how to include events beyond initial capture

What Is Possible? - Bronny

- Bronny presented infrastructure elements on Complete Streets policies from several other townships
- Discussion on the elements

#### Routes around Schools - Gale

- New superintendent: Kim Feltre Meeting with mayor and police chief regarding safety in routes to schools, specifically regarding snow days.
- Gale observed that more people driving to schools this year
- Presentation of school district–conducted surveys:
  - National Walk, Bike, and Roll Day survey results
  - Routes Around Schools survey results
- Discussion of extra crossing guards on select locations (for example, Springfield and Plainfield, Timber and Mountain) by group

#### Comms/Outreach/Awareness - Lauren

- Senior Affairs Committee meeting:
  - Recommendation to attend holiday tea event and bingo event to get engagement with task force survey
- Winter Walk:
  - Trying to get GL student volunteers for Winter Walk booth
  - Resident feedback will be collected via “wish wall” and QR codes to access task force survey

#### Policy Development/Putting it All Together - John

- NJ Model Complete Streets Highlights
  - John covers different tiers for Complete Streets policies and discusses how we can make a better policy than the 2021 Complete Streets resolution
- Town Council Recommendations Document Collaboration (Discussion)
  - Next meeting will be highly focused on this document
- Assignments for next meeting
  - Findings report for next meeting

Meeting ended at 8:57 PM, proposed by John and seconded by Dana

**Next meeting date December 10th, 2024 in the Dogwood Conference Room at 7:30PM**