

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2017**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Friday, December 8, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Bob O'Connell, Cuyler Brown, Collete English Dixon, Nena Maas, Lee Neubecker, Bob Graham

Absent: Timothy Brangle

Also Present: Village Administrator Eric Palm, Cathy Yen

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MOTION made by Ms. English Dixon to approve the meeting minutes from September 15, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. EXISTING PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS – Mr. Palm stated that the Village is launching its new website next week and any feedback is appreciated.

Lake and Lathrop – A planned development application was received and is being reviewed by Staff. A sales will open in the old River Forest Chocolates space.

Chicago & Harlem – A developer is interested in redeveloping the TCF property into a senior independent/assisted living facility. The developer will be coming to the EDC to present their conceptual plans in 2018.

Madison Street – The Village Board approved a contract with the Lutheran Children and Family Services for their property on Madison. The Village expects to close in mid-December. There was discussion by the Commission on possible uses of the property in the shorter term as an incubator space or a relocation space for other businesses.

North Avenue TIF – Mr. Palm provided a status on the process which includes a series of informal public informational meetings starting next year. There was some discussion on the effects of the Sears closure would have on the River Forest TIF.

There was further discussion about the sales of the residential projects on Madison and Bonnie Brae & Thomas.

Lake & Park – There was a status of the RFQ/P process the Village is leading. Responses are due this month.

5. OTHER BUSINESS – Mr. O'Connell discussed his idea of having a business roundtable/luncheon sometime in early 2018. He would like the EDC's input on this and discuss further at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2019.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. English Dixon made a MOTION to adjourn the Economic Development Commission meeting at 8:28 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

MOTION PASSED by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.