

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Monday, December 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Brown, Brangle, Graham, Preston, Wahlfeldt

Absent: Chiplunkar, Holt, Lowes

Also Present: Acting Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Graham and SECONDED by Brangle to approve the November 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission.

Ayes: Brown, Graham, Preston, Wahlfeldt

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION was made by Graham and SECONDED by Preston to approve the November 10, 2021 executive session meeting of the Economic Development Commission.

Ayes: Brown, Graham, Preston, Wahlfeldt

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Brangle dropped off the call briefly and returned to the meeting.

**4. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NEXT STEPS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACTION**

*Lake and Lathrop:* The status of the status of the developer's efforts to meet the requirements of the redevelopment agreement with the Village for the project at Lake and Lathrop was reported.

*Lake and Park:* It was reported that the Village installed signage at the Village-owned properties at Lake and Park to advertise their availability to developers. Members of the Economic Development Commission suggested engaging with a third party to help market the properties to the development community. There was a brief discussion regarding the challenges and opportunities associated with site development of Village- and privately-owned properties in the potential development location.

*Madison Street:* It was reported that the Village continues to engage in conversations with a potential developer regarding a potential project for the site.

*North Avenue:* Chairman Brown reported on Commissioner Lowes's efforts to assemble information regarding properties within the North Avenue corridor for use by the Economic Development Commission to determine next steps in pursuing development opportunities. Commissioner Wahlfeldt discussed how this information can be utilized to market the sites.

## **5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION RE: BUSINESS RETENTION/ATTRACTION STRATEGIES**

There was a brief discussion regarding potential business retention and attraction strategies. The Commission discussed examining other communities' programs. The EDC asked that listening session notes and meeting minutes be redistributed.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Scheiner announced that Brian Murphy will begin his employment with the Village on December 13, 2021.

Brangle mentioned that he has been working on information relative to the workshop that the Economic Development Commission has discussed. They plan to hold it in late January and will follow-up with possible meeting dates. Chair Brown asked that Commissioners share biographical information with Scheiner so she could distribute it and help them get to know each other.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE – January , 2022**

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to adjourn the meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:43 p.m.

Ayes: Brown, Brangle, Graham, Preston, Wahlfeldt

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.