



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
2nd Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 10 individuals, with Committee members and staff having priority over members of the public. Public comments will be shared with the Committee. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Sara Phyfer at sphyfer@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows, dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 899 0393 8767 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89903938767>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email sphyfer@vrf.us by 5:00 PM on April 14, 2021. **THAT SAID, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GOAL IS TO CONDUCT THE MEETING VIRTUALLY, SO ONLY COME TO VILLAGE HALL FOR THE MEETING IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Committee Member Updates: Dementia Friendly River Forest (DFRF) and Age-Friendly Communities Collaborative (AFCC)
5. Old Business
 - a. Continued Discussion and Review of Committee Survey Questions
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting: May 12
8. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
AGE-FRIENDLY AD HOC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Age Friendly Ad Hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick, Lydia Manning, Ron Sherman, James Flanagan

Absent: None

Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sherman to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Vazquez, Ron Sherman, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick, Lydia Manning, James Flanagan

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Chairperson Vazquez announced Ms. Hauri has resigned from the Committee. He stated he is aware of two others who may be interested in applying to be on the Committee.

4. DISCUSSION WITH DEONDRE RUTUES AND STEVE ROBINSON FROM NORTHWEST AUSTIN COUNCIL

Chairperson Vazquez introduced Deontre' Rutues and Stephen Robinson from the Northwest Austin Council. Mr. Rutues and Mr. Robinson summarized the survey they completed in the Austin area, noting the survey's components and explained their method of going door-to-door to solicit responses. Mr. Rutues also explained their method of analysis and reviewed the results.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY RIVER FOREST AND AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE

Ms. Manning stated DFRF is on hold until people are able to come out into the world again.

Chairperson Vazquez reported that he attended an AFCC meeting on March 4. He reviewed the topics, which included needs assessments and accessibility.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued Discussion and Review of Committee Survey Questions

The Committee discussed the AFCCQ that was included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Manning noted this questionnaire uses confirmatory factor analysis and is a distillation of many other AARP surveys, making it an efficient, affordable, and viable tool.

Mr. Lauber expressed concern that the Committee needs a survey that is statistically valid and that would give information that would be actionable by the Village.

After more discussion, Chairperson Vazquez stated the Committee reached a consensus to use the AFCCQ with refinements and modifications, including adding more questions related to housing and demographics.

It was determined that Committee members would submit their suggestions about the AFCCQ by April 5 and a compiled version would be distributed on April 7.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion: Welcome Packet Ideas for the Sheridan

Chairperson Vazquez introduced this item and stated Staff is putting together a welcome packet for residents of the Sheridan with the other taxing bodies. Mr. Flanagan suggested that he and Ms. Manning could work with the Township on a comprehensive document.

8. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10

The Committee reached a consensus to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Manning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick, Lydia Manning, Ron Sherman, James Flanagan

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Absent: None
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary

Housing

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Add:

I want to stay in my current residence as I age

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I feel safe in my home and in the community.

Add:

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It is important for me to age in River Forest

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Essential to learn (not necessarily in this order):

Which type of home do you currently live in?

- Single family house
- Townhouse
- Apartment or condominium in a multifamily building
- Other, please specify: _____

Do you rent or own your current home? (QUESTION #Y)

- Own — Skip to Question #X
- Rent

How much is your monthly rent?

- Less than \$300 per month
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QUESTION X:

Owners continue from Question Y (above)

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(may want to refine the ranges)

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Given your druthers, how much longer do you wish to continue to live in River Forest?

- As long as possible
- For the rest of my life

OR give respondents these answers from which to choose:

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What type of home do you expect to move to next?

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- _ Nursing home
- _ Other: Please specify _____

Social Participation

3. There are enough opportunities to meet people in my neighborhood

There are enough opportunities to meet people in River Forest

4. Activities and events are organized in places that are accessible to me

5. The information about activities and events is enough for me and also suitable for me

Information about activities and events is enough for me.

6. I find the range of events and activities sufficiently varied

Add:

I have internet access and find it convenient and easy to use.

Respect and Social Inclusion

7. I sometimes get annoying or negative remarks because of my age

Add: age or appearance

I sometimes hear annoying or negative remarks because of my age

8. I sometimes face discrimination because of my age

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Add: Signage in stores, banks and elsewhere is large enough for me to read

Civic Participation and Employment

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I know how to get information on employment opportunities

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I feel like a valued member of society, a part of the River Forest community.

Communication and Information

Add:

I have internet access

I am able to use internet access to get the information I need

If No, skip the next two questions

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I like the information to be sent via: email ___ printed ___ (check one)

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Add:

I seek out and consummate communication from the village and the township

Does the village and township communicate with you efficiently?

Community Support and Health Services

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14. When I am ill, I receive the care and help I need

Too similar to 15

15. If necessary, I can easily reach care and welfare services by telephone and in person

Too similar to 14

16. I have enough information about care and welfare services in my neighborhood

I have enough information about care services in River Forest.

17. Care and welfare workers in my neighborhood are sufficiently respectful

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Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

18. My neighborhood is sufficiently accessible for a wheeled walker or wheelchair

The sidewalks in my neighborhood are accessible to someone using a walker or wheelchair

My neighborhood is accessible for a wheeled walker or wheelchair.

19. The shops in my neighborhood are sufficiently accessible with a wheeled walker or wheelchair

Add:

Streets and sidewalks are well maintained and well lit for walkers.

There are plenty of places to sit and rest in our park areas and as I walk.

Transportation

change this entire section to "Access to Transportation." And then ask these questions:

I can get myself anywhere I want, when I want.

I can afford to call a taxi or ride-share

I can use public transit like a bus or train to get where I want

Or, if we keep the next two:

20. I can easily get on the bus or tram in my neighborhood

Change tram to train

I use bus, taxi or rideshare as my mode of transportation.

I use a car where I need to go.

Change tram to train

Question 20 isn't appropriate because buses do not even enter most River Forest neighborhoods – and they never would.

21. The bus and tram stops in my neighborhood are easy to reach and use

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Add:

I am aware of transportation options made available by the village

The village should provide some form of door-to-door transportation service

Delete "tram" in 21 above. The language "in my neighborhood" isn't appropriate here. Perhaps "in River Forest and surrounding communities" instead?

Financial Situation

22. My income is sufficient to cover my basic needs without any problems

23. I live well on my income

Add:

Demographics

What is your age (circle one)? 50-60 61-70 71-80 80+

Do you own or rent (circle one)? Own Rent

With whom do you live (circle one)? Live alone Live with spouse

Live with child Live with friend

Do you use a caregiver (circle one)? Yes No

How long have you lived in River Forest (circle one)?

Less than 5 yrs *5-10 yrs*
10-15 yrs *20+ yrs*

How long do you plan on staying in River Forest (circle one)?

Less than 5 yrs *5-10 yrs*
10-15 yrs *20+ yrs*

Do you or your spouse receive income from a pension (circle one)? *Yes* *No*

Do you know approximately how much it costs per month to live in your current home (circle one)?
Yes *No*

Add: **Demographics**

Which of the ranges below best represents your household's total gross income from all sources in 2020?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 through \$14,999
- \$15,000 through \$24,999
- \$25,000 through \$34,999
- \$35,000 through \$49,999
- \$50,000 through \$74,999
- \$75,000 through \$99,999
- \$100,000 through \$124,999
- \$125,000 through \$149,999
- \$150,000 through \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

___ What was your household's largest source of income in 2020?

- Wages, salary, and/or profits from a business
- Retirement income such as Social Security, pensions, IRAs, KEOUGHS, 401(k)(3), annuities, railroad retirement benefits, and veterans benefits
- Other: _____

The survey also could use some village-actionable questions regarding safety and mobility. These can fit in the Totally disagree to Totally agree scale. The language of these suggestions likely need refinement.

Street lights in River Forest neighborhoods are bright enough for me to safely walk at night.

Street lights in River Forest neighborhoods are bright enough for me to safely drive at night.

Res and Sara, my overall recommendation is to change any reference to “your city” or something similar to River Forest.

I have no idea as to what will be the best answer scale for each question. I defer to Dan and Lydia on that. Below are my suggested changes. This survey was weaker than I thought after the first read-through. I do think we can strengthen it, without adding more questions, just better questions, with the group’s input and then figure out how to distribute it, get the responses and analyze them.

I’m not sure how you’ll incorporate my general comments into the compiled document.

Housing

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Add:

I want to stay in my current residence as I age

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Social Participation

3. There are enough opportunities to meet people in my neighborhood
4. Activities and events are organized in places that are accessible to me
5. The information about activities and events is enough for me and also suitable for me

6. I find the range of events and activities sufficiently varied

Respect and Social Inclusion

7. I sometimes get annoying or negative remarks because of my age

Add: age or appearance

8. I sometimes face discrimination because of my age

Add: Signage in stores, banks and elsewhere is large enough for me to read

Civic Participation and Employment

Not sure about this section. The current questions do not reflect the category topic. So, I suggest the following changes:

Change the Heading to Civic/Social Involvement, Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

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Add:

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If No, skip the next two questions

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15. If necessary, I can easily reach care and welfare services by telephone and in person

16. I have enough information about care and welfare services in my neighborhood

17. Care and welfare workers in my neighborhood are sufficiently respectful

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

18. My neighborhood is sufficiently accessible for a wheeled walker or wheelchair

The sidewalks in my neighborhood are accessible to someone using a walker or wheelchair

19. The shops in my neighborhood are sufficiently accessible with a wheeled walker or wheelchair
The stores and shops I go to are accessible to someone using a walker or wheelchair

Transportation

OK, let's change this entire section to "Access to Transportation." And then ask these questions:

I can get myself anywhere I want, when I want.

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Or, if we keep the next two:

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Change tram to train

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Ditto

Financial Situation

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Housing

1. My House is accessible to me, *I can live independently.*
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12. Printed and digital information from the village and social institutions is understandable, *concise and organized.*

+ *I like the information to be sent via: email_____ printed_____ (check one)*

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Transportation

20. I can easily get around in my neighborhood.
- I use bus, taxi or rideshare as my mode of transportation.*
- I use a car where I need to go.*
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Transportation

- 25. I can easily get on the bus or *train* in my neighborhood
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- 27. *I am aware of transportation options made available by the village*
- 28. *The village should provide some form of door-to-door transportation service*

Financial Situation

- 29. My income is sufficient to cover my basic needs without any problems
- 30. I live well on my income

Demographics

- 31. *What is your age (circle one)?*

<i>50-60</i>	<i>61-70</i>	<i>71-80</i>	<i>80+</i>
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- 32. *Do you own or rent (circle one)?*

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- 33. *With whom do you live (circle one)?*

<i>Live alone</i>	<i>Live with spouse</i>
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- 34. *Do you use a caregiver (circle one)?*

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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- 35. *How long have you lived in River Forest (circle one)?*

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Date: April 5,2021
From: Daniel Lauber
To: River Forest Age-Friendly Advisory Committee

While I am submitting these relevant and village-actionable questions related to housing and housing affordability, in good conscience I've got to reiterate that I am extremely uncomfortable with this type of survey that is so far outside the parameters of what other jurisdictions have conducted. While the AFCCQ survey may have its place, it really doesn't collect information on the issues that are actionable by the village government or other needs that the other surveys collect, including those surveys the committee felt were pretty good.

Would it not be rational to ask of every item in the survey, "What can the village do with the information the item solicits? Is it village-actionable?" I'm afraid that way too much of the AFCCQ survey does not pass that test.

I too have been frustrated by how long this process has taken, but I was heartened by the effort everybody put into extracting questions from the various surveys we had been reviewing and the slow, but steady progress we had been making. But crafting a survey about these delicate subjects is never a quick and easy task. And while Sara has provided simply superb administrative assistance to the committee, we've been foundering without a budget, professional staff, or consultant assistance. This hasn't been fair to the members of this committee or to Sara.

I would hope that the committee will reconsider the direction in which this survey is going. I remain hard pressed to imagine how this survey will provide the information needed to craft a plan that would benefit the village's senior citizens.

And for anybody who appears to lack the patience to design questions and the survey instrument correctly, may I remind you that Professor Don Dillman is the Doctor Fauci of surveying. Just ask the Census Bureau which has relied on him for decades.

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