

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2020**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Friday, April 24, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Lee Neubecker, Timothy Brangle, Donna Slepicka, Robert Graham, Nena Maas, Cuyler Brown, Carr Preston

Also Present: Village President Catherine Adduci, Village Administrator Eric Palm, and Liz Holt OPRF Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

MOTION made by Mr. Graham to allow participation by electronic means. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passes by unanimous vote. All members participated electronically.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**3. DISCUSSION ON COVID – 19 AND SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN**

The EDC discussed the use of face coverings in local businesses. There was also general discussion regarding businesses, how they operate, what businesses are essential, etc. The Village will be providing a starter kit to local businesses that will include extra face masks.

Businesses are being told employees should be wearing face coverings, and customers coming into stores that are essential businesses should also be wearing a face covering. Liz Holt indicated local chambers are in contact with the state chamber regarding how businesses can get back to work.

Chairman Neubecker outlined a proposal to create a local video campaign that would promote a “shop River Forest – we got you covered.” Members of the EDC supported the initiative.

MOTION made Mr. Graham by to support a video marketing campaign to support safe shopping local businesses in River Forest. Seconded by Ms. Slepicka. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION PASSED by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.