



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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
1st Floor Community Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 36 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: 873 6842 6930 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87368426930>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email sphyfer@vrf.us by 5:00 PM on May 12, 2021.

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: June 9
8. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
AGE-FRIENDLY AD HOC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Age Friendly Ad Hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, April 14, 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. Flanagan to approve the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Vazquez, Ron Sherman, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick, Lydia Manning, James Flanagan
Absent: None
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

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

Chairperson Vazquez stated he had nothing to report for AFCC because they did not meet.

Ms. Manning stated the DFRF website is still up but that there are no major updates.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued Discussion and Review of Committee Survey Questions

Chairperson Vazquez thanked everyone for submitting comments about the template Ms. Manning provided. He noted the homework was to provide any additional questions or revisions.

The Committee discussed its questionnaire and updated the questions based on the feedback received. They also separated certain questions into additional categories.

The Committee reached a consensus that they had made good progress and would continue with the remaining questions at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Vazquez announced three applications have been received for the two vacancies on the Committee.

Mr. Lauber requested that Chairperson Vazquez ask the Village Board for funding for the Committee's survey.

Ms. Manning asked about including addresses in the Sheridan in the survey sample.

7. NEXT MEETING: MAY 12

The Committee reached a consensus to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 7PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll call:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary

Housing

1. My home is accessible to me.
2. My home is accessible to people who come to visit me or help me.

I want to stay in my current residence as I age

I will be able to stay in my residence as I age

My current home will allow me to have another person live with me.

I feel safe in my home.

My home is in a safe neighborhood.

It is important for me to age in River Forest

Property taxes are a significant factor in my/our ability to remain in River Forest

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
- \$300 through \$499 per month
- \$500 through \$749 per month
- \$750 through \$999 per month
- \$1,000 through \$1,499 per month
- \$1,500 through \$1,999 per month
- \$2,000 or more per month

QUESTION X:

Owners continue from Question Y (above)

How much are your monthly ownership costs (include only your monthly mortgage payment, property tax and condominium or homeowner association monthly fee)?

- Less than \$500 per month
- \$500 through \$699 per month
- \$700 through \$999 per month
- \$1,000 through \$1,499 per month

- _ \$1,500 through \$1,999 per month
- _ \$2,000 though \$2,499 per month
- _ \$2,500 though \$3,999 per month
- _ \$4,000 or more per month

Given your druthers, how much longer do you expect to live in your current River Forest home?
(may want to refine the ranges)

- _ Less than a year
- _ 1 to 5 years
- _ 6 to 10 years
- _ 11 or more years

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:

- _ 1 to 5 years
- _ 6 to 10 years
- _ 11 or more years

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

- _ Apartment or condominium in a multifamily building
- _ Townhouse
- _ Single family house
- _ Granny flat also known as an accessory dwelling unit
- _ Retirement home or assisted living for senior citizens
- _ Group home or small assisted living home for seniors (6-10 residents)
- _ Nursing home
- _ Other: Please specify _____

Social Participation

3. There are enough opportunities to meet people in River Forest.
4. Activities and events are organized in places that are accessible to me
5. It is easy for me to learn about social events in the Village.
6. I find the range of events and activities offered throughout the Village are sufficiently varied.

Technology

I have internet access.

My internet access is convenient and easy to use.

I am comfortable using a smartphone.

I use my phone for texting and email.

I use my electronic device to learn about information in the Village.

Awareness of emergency alerts from the Village

Respect and Social Inclusion

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

I sometimes get annoying or negative remarks because of my appearance.

8. I sometimes sense discrimination because of my age

Signage in buildings (businesses, libraries, Village Hall etc.) is large enough for me to read.

Civic/Social Involvement, Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

9. I have enough opportunities to interact with younger generations within River Forest.

[I have enough opportunities for Civic/Social involvement](#)

[I have enough opportunities for employment](#)

[I have enough volunteer opportunities](#)

10. I feel like a valued member of the River Forest community.

Communication and Information

11. Printed and digital information from the Village is easy to read in terms of type face and size

Printed and digital information from other social institutions is easy to read in terms of type face and size

12. Printed and digital information from the municipality and other social institutions is written in understandable language

I prefer to get information from the Village via electronic means (email, text message, social media)

I prefer to get printed information from the Village via US Mail

Printed and digital information from the Village and other social institutions is written in understandable language

The Village communicates with me effectively.

The Township communicates with me effectively.

Community Support and Services for Older Adults

13. Social services in River Forest meet my needs.

14. x

15. x

16. I know what services for older adults are available in River Forest.

I know how to access services for older adults in River Forest.

I use services for older adults in River Forest.

17. x

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

18. The sidewalks in my neighborhood are safe for me to use.

19. The businesses in River Forest are sufficiently accessible with a wheeled walker or wheelchair

There are plenty of places to sit and rest throughout the Village.

Street lights in the Village are bright enough for me to safely walk at night.

Street lights in the Village are bright enough for me to safely drive at night.

Items below have not yet been discussed

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

Change tram to train

Change tram to train

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.