



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

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305  
Community Room

## **AGENDA**

Public comments will be shared with the Committee. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Elijah Bebora at [ebebora@vrf.us](mailto:ebebora@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: 811 4262 3757 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81142623757>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email [ebebora@vrf.us](mailto:ebebora@vrf.us) by 4:00 PM on July 13, 2022.

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. Results of the River Forest Age-Friendly Survey – Discussion
  - b. Preparation & Drafting Report - Discussion
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting: August 10, 2022
8. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
AGE-FRIENDLY AD HOC COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Age Friendly Ad Hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick, Lydia Manning, James Flanagan, Helen Kwan

Absent: Barbara Mirel

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Elijah Bebora

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Member Lauber made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Manning, to approve the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Vazquez, Daniel Lauber, Lydia Manning, James Flanagan, Helen Kwan, Deborah Frederick

Absent: Barbara Mirel

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES: DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY RIVER FOREST (DFRF) AND AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE (AFCC)**

Committee Member Manning stated that she held an event during Seniors Week. She had no new updates from Oak Park Dementia Friendly.

Committee Member Flanagan informed the Committee that Seniors Week went well. He stated that there were 30 events held and most were well attended. He informed the group that he started an air conditioner program last year where he accepts air conditioner donations to benefit seniors in the community.

Committee Member Lauber stated that he attended an informative housing forum regarding remodeling homes to make them more accessible to seniors so they can stay in their homes

Chairperson Vazquez stated he attended the Mayors Metropolitan Caucus (MMC) Age-Friendly Collaborative meeting on July 2. He stated that the top survey responses the MMC received were housing options in the community, transportation and connectivity, housing and ability to age in their current home, improving communications, managing the digital divide, and social engagement.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Age-Friendly Survey Analysis of Cross Tabulation – Discussion**

Committee Member Flanagan and Lauber shared their findings with the Committee from the cross-tabulation and analysis they performed of the survey responses.

Committee Member Manning stated that she would start drafting an outline of the analysis.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. None**

## **7. NEXT MEETING: JULY 13, 2022**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Flanagan made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Mirel to adjourn the meeting at 7: 05 PM.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Vazquez, Lydia Manning, James Flanagan, Daniel Lauber, Helen Kwan, Deborah Frederick

Absent: Barbara Mirel

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

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Elijah Bebora, Secretary

Results of River Forest Age-Friendly Survey							
Item Number	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
<b>Social Participation</b>							
2	There are enough opportunities for me to meet people in River Forest.	3.05%	16.75%	26.90%	40.10%	6.60%	6.60%
3	Activities and events in River Forest are organized in places that are accessible to me.	1.02%	5.08%	19.29%	49.75%	15.23%	9.64%
4	It is easy for me to learn about social events in River Forest.	2.54%	20.30%	23.35%	41.62%	9.10%	3.05%
5	I find the range of events and activities offered throughout River Forest is sufficiently varied.	4.10%	18.46%	36.92%	25.64%	6.67%	8.21%
<b>Technology</b>							
6	I have adequate internet access for my needs and wants.	2.56%	3.57%	4.08%	41.84%	45.92%	2.04%
7	I am comfortable using a smartphone.	3.06%	2.55%	5.10%	32.65%	54.08%	2.55%
8	I am comfortable using my electronic devices (e.g. computer, smartphone, tablet) to access information about things happening in River Forest.	2.55%	3.57%	6.12%	36.73%	49.49%	1.53%
<b>Respect and Social Inclusion</b>							
9	I sometimes get annoying or negative remarks because of my perceived age.	22.45%	49.49%	15.82%	5.10%	1.53%	5.61%
10	I sometimes feel discriminated against because of my age.	23.98%	46.94%	13.78%	9.18%	2.05%	4.08%
<b>Civic/Social Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities</b>							
11	I have enough opportunities to interact with younger generations within River Forest.	1.06%	17.01%	28.35%	38.66%	6.70%	7.73%
12	I am satisfied with the opportunities for social involvement in River Forest.	3.09%	19.59%	32.99%	36.60%	5.15%	2.58%
13	I am satisfied with the opportunities for civic involvement in River Forest.	2.60%	11.46%	33.85%	41.15%	7.81%	3.13%

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14	I am satisfied with the volunteer opportunities available to me in River Forest.	2.08%	13.92%	37.63%	36.08%	5.57%	4.64%
15	I feel like a valued member of the River Forest community.	3.09%	7.73%	36.60%	39.18%	11.34%	2.06%
<b>Communication and Information</b>							
16	It is easy for me to read signage in buildings (businesses, libraries, Village Hall etc.) in River Forest.	1.04%	2.59%	6.22%	63.21%	24.87%	2.07%
17	Printed information from the Village of River Forest is easy for me to read in terms of type face and size.	1.04%	1.55%	5.18%	64.25%	25.39%	2.59%
18	Digital information from the Village of River Forest is easy for me to read in terms of type face and size.	1.04%	5.73%	10.42%	55.73%	21.35%	5.73%
19	Printed information from the Village of River Forest is written in understandable language to me.	0.00%	1.04%	2.59%	61.66%	31.09%	3.63%
20	Digital information from the Village of River Forest is written in understandable language to me.	0.00%	1.03%	6.67%	57.95%	28.21%	6.15%
21	I prefer to get information from the Village of River Forest via electronic means (email, text message, social media).	4.62%	11.28%	20.51%	30.26%	29.23%	4.10%
22	I prefer to get printed information from the Village of River Forest via US Mail.	10.77%	17.95%	28.72%	30.26%	9.23%	3.08%
23	Social services in River Forest meet my needs.	1.05%	6.81%	36.55%	26.70%	3.14%	25.65%
24	I know what services for older adults are available in River Forest.	6.28%	35.08%	25.65%	23.04%	3.66%	6.28%
25	I know how to access services for older adults in River Forest.	5.24%	32.46%	28.80%	21.99%	4.19%	7.33%
26	I use services for older adults in River Forest.	21.35%	33.85%	16.63%	3.13%	2.60%	23.44%
27	It is important to me that River Forest is supportive of people living with Dementia.	2.59%	2.07%	15.03%	39.90%	34.72%	5.70%
<b>Outdoor Spaces and Buildings</b>							
28	The businesses in River Forest are accessible with a wheeled walker or wheelchair.	0.53%	5.82%	26.98%	29.63%	6.35%	30.69%

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29	The sidewalks in my neighborhood are safe for me to use.	2.09%	12.04%	4.19%	63.35%	17.28%	1.05%
30	I usually have enough time to cross streets safely in River Forest.	1.06%	9.52%	7.41%	62.96%	16.40%	2.65%
31	There are enough places for me to sit and rest throughout River Forest.	3.16%	24.21%	21.58%	36.84%	6.32%	7.89%
32	Street lights in River Forest are bright enough for me to safely walk at night	8.51%	19.15%	12.23%	44.15%	9.57%	6.38%
33	Street lights in River Forest are bright enough for me to safely drive at night	4.76%	13.23%	11.64%	53.97%	11.64%	4.76%
<b>Access to Transportation</b>							
34	I have easy access to public transportation (the El, Metra, bus).	1.57%	4.71%	14.14%	49.74%	17.80%	12.04%
35	I usually take public transportation (the El, Metra, bus) to get where I need to go.	15.54%	38.86%	15.03%	5.18%	2.07%	23.32%
36	I usually drive myself to where I need to go	0.52%	2.59%	4.15%	53.37%	37.31%	2.07%
37	I usually take a taxi or rideshare to where I need to go.	13.61%	46.60%	12.57%	5.76%	1.05%	20.42%
38	I usually depend on others to get me where I need to go.	31.77%	36.98%	7.29%	3.13%	1.04%	19.79%
39	I need assistance to get from my home to my ride.	34.55%	38.22%	3.14%	1.57%	1.57%	20.94%
40	I am aware of the transportation services that River Forest Township provides.	13.47%	38.34%	17.62%	17.10%	2.07%	11.40%
<b>Housing and Finances</b>							
41	My income is adequate to cover my basic needs.	1.58%	3.16%	5.26%	60.53%	26.84%	2.63%
42	I can easily meet my monthly housing costs, including property tax.	3.68%	13.68%	11.58%	45.26%	22.11%	3.68%
43	My home is accessible to me.	0.00%	1.05%	5.76%	63.35%	28.27%	1.57%
44	My home is accessible to people who come to visit me or help me.	0.53%	2.63%	4.74%	66.32%	21.05%	4.74%
45	My current home will allow me to have another person live with me.	2.12%	4.23%	6.88%	59.79%	19.58%	7.41%

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46	I feel safe in my home.	0.00%	1.05%	3.14%	63.87%	30.89%	1.05%

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47	My home is in a safe neighborhood.	0.00%	2.62%	7.85%	58.12%	30.89%	0.52%
48	It is important for me to age in River Forest.	3.13%	4.69%	22.40%	44.27%	23.44%	2.08%
49	I would consider modifying my property to create a separate living space for a caregiver, a boarder, or parent.	12.70%	25.93%	19.58%	16.93%	6.88%	17.99%
50	I would consider modifying my property to create a designated space for another adult (for example, an "in-law suite," "granny flat," accessory dwelling unit or a freestanding small dwelling unit).	16.32%	24.74%	16.32%	14.21%	8.95%	19.47%
51	I would consider living in an "in-law suite," "granny flat," accessory dwelling unit or a freestanding small dwelling unit.	13.16%	29.47%	18.95%	17.89%	5.79%	14.74%

## Demographics

52	What is your age?	55-59	60-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
		17.19	16.15	47.4	13.54	5.73	
53	Do you currently own or rent your home?	Own	Rent				
		97.37%	2.63%				
54	Which type of home do you currently live in?	Single-family 1 story	Single family 2+ stories	Town house	Apartment or condo in multifamily building	Other	
		14.14%	62.83%	3.14%	17.80%	2.09%	
55	With whom do you live? (Check all that apply)	Alone	With child	With relative (other than spouse or child)	With spouse	With friend or roommate	With caregiver



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		14.74%	14.74%	2.11%	79.47%	0.53%	0.53%
56	Do you use a caregiver?	Yes	No				
		2.60%	97.40%				
57	How long have you lived in River Forest?	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	11 or more years		
		0.53%	6.40%	6.42%	86.63%		
58	How much longer would you like to live in your current River Forest home?	Less than a year	1 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	11 or more years		
		5.88%	19.25%	18.18%	56.68%		