



# VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Village Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room, 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

## AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting may be limited with Commission officials, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Public comments and any responses will be shared with the Commission. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Matt Walsh at [mwalsh@vrf.us](mailto:mwalsh@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: 812 1874 3954 or visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81218743954>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email [mwalsh@vrf.us](mailto:mwalsh@vrf.us) by 4:00 PM the day prior to the meeting.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022
4. Chamber of Commerce Update
5. Continued Discussion Regarding Business Community Retention/Support Strategies and Communication
6. Continued Discussion Regarding Planning, Zoning, Comprehensive Plan, Corridor Study, and TIF Districts
7. Development Updates
  - a. Lake & Lathrop Construction
  - b. Madison Street TIF
  - c. North Avenue TIF
8. Other Business
9. Executive Session
10. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 2022**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st 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 6:10 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Cuyler Brown, Katie Lowes (Zoom), Rajendra Chiplunkar, Robert Graham and Liz Holt.

Absent: Carr Preston, Tim Brangle, Walter Wahlfeldt.

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Administrator Matt Walsh

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - March 2, 2022**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Brown and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

**4. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Chamber Director Liz Holt provided an overview of the marketing efforts for recruiting more members, and ideas were shared about the Village sharing information.

**5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING BUSINESS COMMUNITY RETENTION/  
SUPPORT STRATEGIES AND COMMUNICATION**

There was discussion on the need for a database of vacant properties to help recruit businesses. The Village is waiting for proposals for a database and planning program.

**6. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANNING, ZONING, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CORRIDOR  
STUDY, AND TIF DISTRICTS**

There was discussion about the funding and strategy for TIF initiatives, including zoning changes. There was agreement about improving marketing materials for Village-owned properties.

#### **7. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Chairman Brown asked if the current time and day works for the group. The consensus was to keep the same time.

#### **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Assistant Walsh provided a timeline update for the demolition of the Lutheran Family and Child Services. There was some discussion about the appearance of the site when razed.

#### **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Graham and SECONDED by Commissioner Chiplunkar to adjourn the May 4, 2022, meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:55 p.m. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.