



# VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 7:00 PM  
Village Hall – Community Room, 400 Park Ave.,  
River Forest, IL

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Commissioner Reports on Meetings
4. Discussion: Draft Comprehensive Plan
5. Sustainability Annual Projects
  - a. Progress Reports and 2019 Goals to be finished, submitted by 1/15/19
  - b. SC to present progress reports and goals at 1/28/19 VBOT meeting
  - c. Update on Commissioner Project Leads
6. RF Comprehensive Plan – Approval of SC suggested revisions
7. PlanItGreen Grant Proposal
8. Artificial Turf – RFPD meeting to discuss scheduled for 6pm 1/21/19 at the Depot
9. Schedule Next Meeting – KEB conflict on 2/12/19, availability for 2/5/19 or 2/19/19
10. Adjournment

**Proposed SC Revisions/Comments/Questions re: RF Draft Comprehensive Plan**

Page No., Section	Proposed Revision/Comment/Question	Notes
Page 2, Purpose, sentence 2	Insert "bicycles" after the word "vehicles"	Bicycles not inherently included in definition of vehicles to most
Page 6, Past Studies reviewed	Recommend review of PD 2017 Community Survey and Summary of same. Also, there is a more recent (2018-21) PD Strategic Plan than the 2014 Plan referenced.	
Page 11	Typo in Legend: Semi-Pubic should be Semi-Public	
Pages 19	Oak Park Tennis CENTER, not Club.	Important distinction to the OPTC, which is a NFP entity, open to the public.
Page 26, Buffering section,	Insert at end of section: "Native plants are highly recommended for landscape buffering because of their durability, drought resistance, and 4-season landscape."	
Page 38, in Parking section, 1 <sup>st</sup> para	<p>Add "and bicycle" after "Automobile" in first sentence.</p> <p>Then add a sentence about the importance of adequate bicycle racks to encourage and support bicycle traffic.</p> <p>Insert at end of para: The Village should consider and monitor shifts in ongoing resident vehicle use and needs, and resulting impacts on parking needs. These behavioral shifts may include a decrease in car ownership, increased use of bicycles, scooters, and ride-share services, self-driving cars, and electric car use/demand for charging stations.</p>	<p>Parking should include reference to bicycle parking as well.</p> <p>The RF Bike Task Force has indicated that there are not enough bicycle racks in RF, including Town Center.</p>
Page 39, Public Parking section	Same comment as above, include bicycle parking	""
Page 39, Permeable Surface section	Add "permeable pavers," prior to the word "bioswales"	
Page 40, Pedestrian Orientation section	Add "and bicycle" after "pedestrian"	
Page 40, Add new section	Entitle section: <b>"Sustainability – Sustainable best practices should be</b>	

after "Building Materials"	followed in building demolition, construction, design and material selection."	
Page 40, Landscaping section	Add this sentence at end of section: "Native gardens are recommended with an emphasis on perennial native plantings that are drought-resistant, require less water, chemicals, are more cost-effective."	
Page 41, Parking section	Add "bicycle and vehicle" after the word "Adequate"	
Page 43, last paragraph	Add "and bicycle" after the word "pedestrian"	
Page 53, Harlem section	Typo: replace "are a" with "area"	
Page 53, Lathrop section	Prior to last sentence, insert this sentence: "The Village should ensure that adequate bike racks are installed to encourage and support bicycle access, and defray automobile traffic."	
Page 58, Central section, end of first sentence	Replace the word "Club" with "Center"	Correct name is Oak Park Tennis Center, not Club
Page 59, last sentence under Quick section	Insert "the sidewalk foot and bike traffic along Harlem" after the word "neighbors,"	
Page 64, under #6	Insert "and support" after the word "Develop"  At #7, insert "and support" after "implement"	
Page 65, 1 <sup>st</sup> para under Complete section	Insert "accommodate and" after "designed to" in first sentence.  Insert "attract new home buyers" after "boost local business," in last sentence.	
Page 74, first sentence under Bicycle section	Replace "Communities strive" with "River Forest strives"	
Page 76, Regional section, 2 <sup>nd</sup> column	Insert ", on designated streets," after "along the Des Plaines River"  The last sentence of this section should be deleted.	Doesn't make sense, considering the recent bump-outs along Chicago Ave. actually discourage bike traffic.
Page 76, River Forest section, penultimate line	Insert "and support" after "to provide"	
Page 79, last column, 5 <sup>th</sup> line from bottom	Insert "natural" after the word "enhancing"	
Page 80	In Heading, insert "natural" after the word "enhance"	

	<p>Under #2, insert “promote and” prior to “provide safer access”</p> <p>Under #6, insert “and use of chemicals” after “decreases water consumption”</p>	
Page 82, penultimate bullet point	Insert “maintaining and” prior to “pursuing”	
Page 85, first bullet	Insert “, designated street” and “sidewalk”	
Page 88, under Enhance section	<p>In heading: insert “and protect” after “Enhance”</p> <p>In heading, insert “,green spaces” after “open spaces”</p>	
Page 88, under Reduce Synthetic section	<p>Insert “promote natural lawn care and pest management and” after “efforts to”</p> <p>Delete “such as lawn care and pest management” from end of sentence</p>	
Page 88, Replace Support section with this content	<p>Remove existing content and replace with:  <b>Support the care, maintenance, and retention of River Forest’s natural grass fields vs. installation of artificial turf.</b> This should include public education and coordination with the Park District, other taxing bodies, and other educational and religious institutions, to preserve and protect the important environmental and health benefits of natural grass in River Forest. This should also include thoughtful and effective education about the full environmental and health concerns associated with artificial turf, as well as long term impacts. Working toward the most environmentally sustainable option for use of park space should be emphasized.</p>	
Page 88, under “Improving” section	<p>Insert “other taxing bodies” prior to “institutions”</p> <p>Insert this sentence at the end of para: “The ongoing Integrated Pest Management Policy and Healthy Lawn Happy Family Initiative are great examples of these efforts.</p>	
Page 95, end of first column	Typo: word should be “facilities”	
Page 95, under Stormwater section	Third bullet: insert “native plantings,” after “raingardens”	

	<p>Last bullet: insert “native plantings,” after “raingardens”</p> <p>Last bullet: In last line, replace “or” with “and”</p> <p>Insert additional bullet at end: “Promote chemical-free lawn and garden care throughout River Forest, to reduce algae blooms that impede water absorption and increase risk of flooding.”</p>	
Page 96, under Refuse section	<p>1<sup>st</sup> para: first sentence should relate solely to compost. And “compost bins” should be removed from the second sentence.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> para: Insert at end of section:  “Specifically, the Village should incentivize residents to compost by working to remove extra fees charged for participating in the curbside composting program. The Village should also work with the Sustainability Commission to increase education about proper recycling techniques, to reduce the number of tainted recycling loads which then must be dumped into the landfill.”</p>	RF does not have white glove service for compost bins.

Andy Basney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space/Ecosystems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ lead on Bike Task Force, Bikeability in Comp Plan, Village Bike-friendly and connectivity issues;</li> <li>▪ lead on Village IPM initiative</li> <li>▪ lead on Bee Ordinance issues, and related Dominican education workshops</li> <li>▪ Lead on Village tree tours, collab with Morton Arboretum</li> <li>▪ Lead on Fed/State Pesticide bills</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Water use/reduction initiatives: Lead</li> </ul>
Beth Cheng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy: Lead on non-Solsmart, non-Energy Audit items</li> <li>• Education: Lead on new and general initiatives, and help with others' specific education programs</li> <li>• Volunteer Coordination: help KB on this</li> </ul>
Julie Moller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste: Lead on compost, plastic bag initiatives, Recycling Extravaganza</li> <li>• Open Space: Lead on turf issues</li> <li>• Education: Lead on Reusable Bag Day, OEFF and school green team outreach, Community speaking requests.</li> </ul>
Shannon Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on Reporting/Tracking of SC Metrics (for reporting to Village, GRC, Climate Charter, PiG), coordinating with MMC</li> <li>• Lead on Village-wide energy audits through ComEd contractor</li> <li>• Lead on Community Garden (with Mary Masalla volunteer)</li> </ul>
Eric Simon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on Solsmart designation project</li> <li>• Lead on SC website maintenance, updates, coordination with Village</li> </ul>
MSC spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on GBPs (with BC's guidance)</li> <li>• Lead on HLHF (with SCG/KB guidance)</li> </ul>
Katie Brennan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cover on Volunteer Coordination (with BC's guidance)</li> <li>• Cover on native gardens (with help from Mary Masalla)</li> </ul>

### Sustainability Commission Members

#### Member

Kathleen Brennan, Chair  
Julie Moller  
Eric Simon  
Mary Susan Chen  
Shannon Roberts  
Beth Cheng  
Andrew Basney

#### Term

5/1/17 - 4/30/21  
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11/26/18 - 4/30/19  
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