

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2017**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 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 7:02 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Catherine Adduci, Trustees Gibbs, Henek, Cargie and Corsini
Absent: Trustee Vazquez
Also Present: Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White, Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Management Analyst Jon Pape, John Houseal, Mohit Maheshwari and Paul Finn of Houseal Lavigne and Associates.

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henek, to allow Trustee Vazquez to participate via telephone.

Ayes: Trustees Gibbs, Henek, Cargie and Corsini
Absent: Trustee Vazquez
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

Trustee Vazquez officially joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

John Houseal, Houseal Lavigne and Associates, introduced himself and also introduced his colleagues Mohit Maheshwari and Paul Finn. Mr. Houseal reviewed the process that would be utilized to solicit public input including public meetings, one-on-one interviews, interviews with surrounding communities, DIY workshop kits, online tools, attendance at community events and surveys. Mr. Houseal reviewed the scope of the project and the items that will be delivered within the Comprehensive Plan such as a bike plan for the Village. He also discussed how this plan will incorporate key transportation, economic development, affordable housing and sustainability strategies. He noted that an affordable housing plan will be developed and adopted as a separate document.

Trustee Vazquez arrived in person at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Houseal led the Village Board in an exercise to identify issues or concerns that they believe are facing the Village right now. Bill McDonald, 803 Bonnie Brac, and Susan Altier, 12 Ashland, provided their suggestions.

He then led the Board in an exercise to identify, from the list of suggestions they provided, what

they believe to be the three most important items.

President Adduci clarified that all of the issues are important. She said that many of them can be grouped together because they are interrelated and one item cannot be addressed or resolved if the other issues are not addressed or resolved.

Mr. Houseal then led the Board in an exercise to identify three specific things they would do tomorrow to make River Forest a better place.

Finally, Mr. Houseal led the Board in an exercise to identify what is best and most important about River Forest that should be protected.

Mr. Houseal demonstrated the online map-based engagement software called map.social. He explained that it is an interactive tool that is used to collect community input on community assets, development priority sites, problematic intersections, public safety concerns, undesirable uses, key transit destinations, desired uses/developments, areas that are poor in appearance and more.

The Village President thanked Mr. Houseal for his presentation.c

4. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gibbs made a motion seconded by Trustee Cargie, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Gibbs, Henek, Cargie, Corsini and Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.



Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk