

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
JOINT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 19, 2017**

A special joint meeting of the Village of River Forest Development Review Board, Economic Development Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Sustainability Commission, Traffic and Safety Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals was held Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the River Forest 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:

**Development Review Board**

**Present:** Tagger O'Brien, David Crosby, Mike Ruehle

**Absent:** Frank Martin, Mary Ann Fishman, Lisa Ryan, Gerry Dombrowski

**Economic Development Commission**

**Present:** Nena Mass, Robert O'Connell, Tim Brangle

**Absent:** Lee Neubecker, Colette English Dixon, Cathy Yen, Robert Graham

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**Present:** Michael Pritz, Al Popowits

**Absent:** Tom Zurowski, Carla Graham-White, David Raino-Ogden, David Franek, Brian Prestes

**Sustainability Commission**

**Present:** Julie Moller, Eric Simon, Mary Susan Chen, Sue Crothers

**Absent:** Kathleen Brennan, Mindy Credi, Mary Masella

**Traffic and Safety Commission**

**Present:** Doug Rees, Rick Gillis, Jack Cleary, John Osga

**Absent:** Arun Jayalaman, David Valenti, Steven Wade

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Present:** Tagger O'Brien, David Berni, Mike Ruehle

**Absent:** Frank Martin, Gerry Dombrowski, Robert Swindal, Charles Luchhese

**Also Present:** Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Management Analyst Jon Pape

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### 3. JOINT BOARDS AND COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP

John Houseal, Houseal Lavigne Associates, introduced himself and explained the purpose of the Village's Comprehensive Plan and the process that is being utilized to update it.

Mr. Houseal led the Board/Commission members in an exercise to identify issues or concerns that they believe are facing the Village right now.

Jan Saeger, 435 William, and Markie Reitz, 1032 N. Lathrop, provided their suggestions.

He then led the audience in an exercise to identify, from the list of suggestions they provided, what they believe to be the three most important items.

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

Finally, Mr. Houseal led the audience 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.

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



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Lisa Scheiner, Secretary