



RESOLUTION NO. 17-13

A RESOLUTION HONORING RON SHERMAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE RIVER FOREST CITIZENS CORPS

WHEREAS, the River Forest Citizen Corps has coordinated volunteer response to flooding and other emergencies, controlled traffic during major community events, conducted wellness checks on seniors and educated the community on matters affecting safety and emergency preparedness ever since; and

WHEREAS, Ron Sherman has served as the volunteer Director of the River Forest Citizens Corps since its beginning in 2009, a year after retiring from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after a 30 year career; and

WHEREAS, with Ron's leadership, the Village formed the local branch of the Citizens Corp, a recognized federal organization founded in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, and was certified by the state, having volunteers go through training regularly and participate in regional emergency response drills, and less than a year after beginning the Citizens Corps, Ron helped create the Triple Community Medical Reserve Corp or TRIPCOM MRC; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Ron's tireless work on behalf of the Citizens Corp, the Corps Council now includes professionals from the River Forest police, fire, and public works department, as well as representatives from School District 90, Dominican and Concordia Universities; and

WHEREAS, Ron Sherman led the Citizens Corps in responding to the flood of 2011, which included volunteers being dispatched to a staging area at Lake and Thatcher, students from Concordia and Dominican helping to sandbag, and volunteers distributing kits and equipment so homeowners could pump out their basements, while after the flood, the Citizens Corp volunteers began to initiate well-being checks on seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Corps also assists with traffic control during many public events in the Village including the LemonAid charity event and the Memorial Day parade; and

WHEREAS, Ron recently edited a book on the need for behavioral health in emergency's and disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois that the Board, for its members and the citizens of the Village of River Forest, express our deepest respect and boundless appreciation for the selfless and tireless dedication that Ron Sherman has demonstrated over these many years for the entire community, especially in his work on the River Forest Citizens Crops, and present this Resolution to him as a symbol of gratitude for the high quality of community service which he has rendered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The 600 block of Park Avenue shall have a secondary designation as "Ron Sherman Way."

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Park Avenue and Oak Avenue, which shall reflect the "Ron Sherman" designation.

SECTION 3. By this Resolution, the Board of Trustees does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of Park Avenue, with the exception of the honorary sign described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on a roll call vote of the Corporate Authorities on the 10th day of July, 2017.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Conti

Catherine Adduci, Village President



APPROVED by me this 10th day of July, 2017

Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk