

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2019**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Nena Maas, Lee Neubecker, Bob Graham, Timothy Brangle, Donna Slepicka (arrived at 7:37 am)

Absent: Robert O'Connell, Cuyler Brown

Also Present: Village Administrator Eric Palm, John Houseal, Houseal-Lavinge

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MOTION made by Mr. Graham to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes from December 14, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Ms. Maas. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. DISCUSSION & FEEDBACK TO CONSULTANT ON DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Mr. Palm introduced John Houseal, Principal from Houseal Lavinge, who has been the consultant on the new comprehensive plan from the Village. Mr. Houseal provided an overview of the process and the document to date and was looking for feedback from the Commission on the draft comprehensive plan.

The Commission provided feedback on the draft comprehensive plan highlighting various items for the Village to consider:

- Preserve and promote commercial uses first – try to maximize use of the commercial corridors
- Reinforce streetscaping on North Avenue
- Reinforce relationship to other corridors and the need to collaborate with other communities
- Consider more definitive recommendations
- Look at the concept of attracting new families
- Consider the orientation of entry ways and entry points in the corridors
- Provide more details regarding priority sites for redevelopment

Mr. Houseal indicated his firm will be providing the Village Board an implementation matrix that looks at the various projects and initiatives being recommended out of the comprehensive plan.

The EDC was asked to provide any additional feedback regarding the draft comprehensive plan within the next week to Eric Palm

5. OTHER BUSINESS – The next meeting will be February 8, 2019.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Neubecker made a MOTION to adjourn the Economic Development Commission meeting at 8:36 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Brangle.

MOTION PASSED by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.