

LWV OPRF League of Women Voters 2023 Observer Report

**Board Observed- Village of River Forest - Regular Board Meeting
Date of Meeting - November 13, 2023 - Meeting Length - 2 hours**

Board looks to propose text amendments related to Commercial Zoning

There was a motion, which passed, to propose text amendments related to the commercial zoning districts. This amendment will be proposed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing and Recommendation. The proposal is to expand the current language to include certain aspects that are of particular concern to developers - such as the ability to build 4 stories rather than 2 stories, for which special exceptions are currently sought and granted. By amending the language it is believed that the village will then attract more favorable commercial development. It wasn't clear exactly what the Board's positions were, but they did say that the language would be made available for public comment.

Citizen Comments comprised the first hour of the meeting. The concerns were largely about zoning changes including a pre-school, Madison Street and the currently stalled Lake and Lathrop development. It was acknowledged by the Board that the villagers should be receiving regular, perhaps monthly, updates on the progress of the Lake and Lathrop project.

Name of Observer - Sue Jaffee