

Village of North Riverside
Public Buildings, Grounds, Plan Commission

Meeting Date: August 12, 2019

Trustee Sarro, Chairman
Trustee Czajka
Trustee Mandel

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Demopoulos, Flores and Mengoni, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting:

Item #1: Discussion on Stratgic Plan: Trustee Mengoni mentioned that one of Bob Kallien's suggestions in his Commercial Study is that the Village should develop a Stratgic Plan/Vision. Trustee Mengoni asked Director Scarpiniti, who met with Mr. Kallien earliler in the day, to inform the committee of his thoughts on coming up with a Stratgic Plan. Mr. Kallien suggested Village staff meet with people such as the Mall General Manager, the manager of the Federal Center Strip Mall and prominite business people from other businesses and the Village Board to come up with what they would like to see in the future of North Riverside. This would be a long-term outlook 5-10 years down the road. Trustee Mengoni suggested that a Steering Committee be created to start the process of developing a Stratgic Plan, he suggested it should include two trustees, the Village Administrator, Finance Director, Karyn Byrne and Michelle Cozzone from the Community Development Department along with Harvey Ahitow from NRPM and Alan Saposnik, Manager of the Federal Center Strip Mall. All committee members along with the Mayor and other board members agreed. Trustee Mengoni said he would like to be one of the trustees and asked Trustee Demopoulos if he would consider being on the steering committee being he has a business in town but he declined due to the fact that the General manager from NRPM was on it and there may be a conflict of interest. Trustee Sarro volunteered to be the second trustee. Administrator Belmonte will work with Trustee Mengoni on getting dates together with everyone to start meeting sometime in September.

Item #2: Ordinance Update: Earlier in the day the Administrator, Karyn Byrne and Michelle Cozzone also met with Mr. Kallien to discuss updating some of our old zoning ordinances. Mr. Kallien will meet with Karyn and Michelle on September 9th and 12th, he will review our zoning ordinance and bring some ideas on what should be updated. Director Scarpiniti reminded the committee \$15,000 was budgeted and approved in the Community Development 2019-20 budget.

Item #3: Point of Contact for Businesses: Trustee Mengoni asked staff who should be the Village's point of contact for businesses looking for information on the Village. Karyn Byrne suggested it should be the way it is now, when business calls come in they are either given to Michelle or the Administrator. Karyn mentioned that both reach out to businesses when a piece of property becomes available like when the Toys R Us closed. The committee did not have a problem with that but would like to see something on the Village's website showing their contact information.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman