

***Village of North Riverside***  
**Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee**

Meeting Date: June 17, 2019

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman  
Trustee Flores  
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos and Mandel and Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti and members of the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting:

**Item #1: Discussion on the Commercial Area Analysis:** Trustee Mengoni mentioned that the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development, after reviewing Mr. Kallien's analysis, had a power point presentation for the committee and board members with some thoughts on economic development in North Riverside. Committee members Jason Bianco and Lenora Guirini went through the power point presentation with other members commenting from time to time. The committee feels there is a need to change the culture of North Riverside just being the Mall. Though the Mall is a very important partner there is need to reach out to businesses outside the Village and intice them to come to North Riverside. Another idea was to have a business liaison who would work with existing businesses and try to secure new businesses, also the possiablily of starting a Chamber of Commerice. They talked about the posiability of the theater expansion and how that is very important. They talked about an entertainment district similar to Rosemont on the east side of the Mall along where the tracks use to be. It would be a much smaller scale but a little upscale area, the Village can work with the Mall on some of these ideas. There was also the idea of a business district where business professionals could rent a cubicle to work in instead of working from home, a place where they could have meetings with clients. They talked about a small conference center which could seat about 1,000 people, they mentioned that LaGrange and Forest Park have areas like this. They would like to see bike and walking paths connecting the east district with the entertainment district. The committee thought these were good ideas but mentioned that the Village does not own any of this property and would have to work with land owners to bring any of these ideas to reality. Chairman Mengoni did ask committee member Paul Porter if he knew people familiar with TIF districts and other tax insentivies who could familize the board what the Village could do to attract businesses. Mr. Porter said he did and he will contact Chairman Mengoni in the near future so another meeting can be setup.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman