

Village of North Riverside
Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee

Meeting Date: February 11, 2019

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Flores
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Bianco, Czajka and Demopoulos and Administrator Belmonte,

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

Item #1: Presentation by Bob Kallien – Commercial Area Analysis: Administrator Belmonte introduced Mr. Bob Kallien a retiree who worked for the Village of Oak Brook, the City of Naperville and has 38+ years in planning and management experience at the City, County, Township and Regional levels. Mr. Kallien gave an overview to the board members on projects he has been involved over his career in economic development and planning. He then went over his proposal for a Commercial Area Analysis for the Village of North Riverside. He explained to the board that he would work closely with Village staff and local retail managers to gather information to identify the size of the current commercial retail base, identify the size of vacant stores, see if there is an area for redevelopment opportunities and prepare a written report on all findings and include a recommendation/action steps for future consideration. Mr. Kallien's proposal was for an 8 week project with a total of 120 hours at \$95 per hour totaling \$11,400. Mr. Kallien than answered a number of questions from the board. The board discussed the presentation after Mr. Kallien left and it was determined that the Village would benefit from this project and all felt it was a great first step to being pro-active in commercial development. Trustee Sarro motioned and Trustee Flores seconded to enter into an agreement with Mr. Bob Kallien for an Commercial Area Analysis in the amount of \$11,400. The motion passed through the committee unanimously. Trustee Mengoni polled the other Trustees and Mayor Hermanek and all were in favor and thought this was a very pro-active movement.

At this time I would like to make the following;

To enter into an agreement with Bob Kallien to develop a Commercial Area Analysis for the Village of North Riverside in the amount of \$11,400.

Item #2: Discussion on Citizens Committee on Economic Development: Trustee Mengoni informed the committee that he has had discussions with Mayor Hermanek and Trustee Bianco about starting a Citizens Committee on Economic Development. This would be an advisory committee similar to the Citizens Recreation Committee and members would be residents and business owners of establishments in North Riverside. Trustee Bianco would oversee this committee and there could be as many as 9-10 members. Trustee Bianco has a number of people that he has talked to who are interested. There was discussion on the matter any everyone felt this was a great idea and they could have some good ideas on what they would like to see in the economic development for the future on North Riverside. Trustee Bianco will contact the people who are interested and they will be appointed at the February 18, 2019 Village Board Meeting.

At this time I would like to make the following motion;

To establish a Citizens Advisory Committee on Economic Development.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni, Chairman