

Village of Richmond

Special Meeting of the Long Term Planning Committee

Date: 5/22/2014

1. Call to Order:
7 pm
2. Members Present: David Kielpinski, Debbie Tiritilli, Gary Tiritilli, Charlotte Hollenbeck, Peter Koenig, Craig Kunz, Ann Cunningham, Ginene Nagel, Chuck Schultz, Scott Drabant
3. Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Craig Kunz, second by Charlotte Hollenbeck, accepted by acclamation.
4. Unfinished Business
none
5. Public Comments
none
6. New Business
Scott Drabant gave a synopsis of the first meeting, noting a common thread expressed by the committee was to keep Richmond a quaint village with managed growth. Identified were the various areas of the community, i.e. retail downtown, residential, light industrial, commercial, transportation, recreation and infrastructure. Discussion encompassed the downtown retail area and Richmond's boundaries. Scott asked the committee to comment individually on their personal perspective on how they happened to come to Richmond and they envisioned Richmond in 5 to 10 years from now.
Each committee member commented and gave their perspective of Richmond and thoughts of the future. The group identified the following as their perspective of Richmond future: increase light industry/offices/research, increase the businesses in the downtown area, make Richmond a destination stop, improve the visual appearance of downtown, and make Memorial Hall more attractive to users. Some noted their experience from other villages/towns where the growth was not well planned out and the individual perspective of the village/town was lost – Vernon Hills, Gurnee and others.
The common theme of holding current landlords to proper maintenance of their buildings to improve visual appearance, how do we want the gateway to Richmond to present? And what image does it currently present. It was stated currently Richmond appears to be run down and needs to be renovated.
While light industry was discussed, the concept of big box stores was not the envisioned the perspective of Richmond in the future.

Identified as a deterrent to growth is the lack of ample parking in the downtown area, which is a common distraction to many towns/villages.

Many towns/villages which have preserved the quaintness of a downtown district are those towns/villages where the main thoroughfares are not through town/village; this lead to discussion of the ever-pending bypass. The impact of the route through town verses circumventing the downtown district will have an immense impact on the future of the Village.

Parks and transportation were mentioned including the extension of the railroad from Fox Lake and potential location of a Richmond station. Housing and the type of housing to be available, which can determine the composition of Richmond was mentioned in the context of expanding a senior/adult Del Webb concept in Richmond.

Each member was given a copy of the last Richmond comprehensive plan to review. At the next meeting we will work on establishing goals for the aforementioned areas of the community.

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Craig Kunz, seconded by David Kielpinski, approved by acclamation
at 9:30 pm

8. Next meeting 6/26/14 @ 1900 (7pm)

9. Minutes taken by: Scott Drabant