

These minutes are submitted by the Community Development Director and are not official until approved by the City of Evansville Economic Development Committee.

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Monday, May 18, 2020, 6:00 PM
Meeting held virtually

MINUTES

1. Call to Order Sergeant called meeting to order

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Ben Ladick	P	Community Development Director Jason Sergeant
Erika Stuart	P	Chamber of Commerce Exec. Dir. Christina Slaback
Gene Lewis	P	Rock Co. Economic Dev. Dir. James Otterstein
Jason Knott	P	
Abbey Barnes	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	

3. Election of Committee Chair. *Ladick made a Motion to elect Brooks as chair, berg seconded. Approved unanimously.*

4. Motion to Approve Agenda by Berg, seconded by Rutz, approved unanimously.

5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting and approve them as printed by Berg, seconded by Ladick, approved unanimously.

6. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items. None

7. Monthly Report

A. Chamber of Commerce Report – Slaback shared her report, highlighting Evansville Together webpage.

B. Tourism Commission Report: Berg shared the report, noting an upcoming meeting will discuss future events.

8. New Business

A. Community Development Update. Sergeant shared his report:

- Worked with City Hall staff and web developer to create a new sign-up form and email system for e-notifying agendas, etc. to residents
- Progress has stalled on work with existing business on a site search for a new location
- Continue to work with a site selectors on possible business locations, slow progress
- Continue to work with an existing developer on a site search for new business
- City Calendar has been revamped on website
- EDRLF info on Website
- Training continues with Part-time Secretary to improve intake time on incoming permits.

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment did not get approved at last Plan Commission meeting.
- Working with a current home-based business on a new industrial location, zoning restrictions are presenting a challenge.

B. COVID-19 Discussion: What are goals for success? Committee discussed what the future may look like for local businesses and how to manage upcoming challenges. Committee would like to understand what types of benchmarks can be monitored and reported on.

C. Motion to approve Loan Forgiveness Application by Ladick, seconded by Barnes. Approved unanimously.

D. Discussion and Possible motion to authorize ore recommend additional actions. None

9. Other Business. None

10. Next Meeting Dates: June 15, 2020 at 6:00pm

11. Motion to adjourn by Berg, seconded by Rutz. Approved unanimously