

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, November 20, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Hall, 31 S. Madison St. Evansville, WI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call:

14	Present/Absent	Others Present
Gene Lewis (Chair)	P	Community Development Dir., Jason Sergeant
Erika Stuart	P	Evansville Chamber Exec. Dir., Christina Slaback
Ben Ladick	P	
(vacant position)	A	
Abbey Barnes	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda – Berg/Rutz, passed unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting and approve them as printed –Barnes/Berg, passed unanimously.

5. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items – Chairperson asked for any comments from the public, none were presented.

6. Monthly Report

A. City Report on Economic Development Activities – Sergeant presented his staff report, including:

- Continued Meet and Greets with Chamber of Commerce, visited more than 50 businesses this year.
- Attended WDAC Summit in Sheboygan. Sheboygan has invested heavily in their downtown, including a mixed use apartment building and outdoor park.
- Attended WI-APA Conference in Milwaukee. Sessions included legal challenges in WI and partnerships for developments.
- Attended MadREP meeting, 30 RFIs this year.
- Night Owl has broken ground at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets. Outdoor dining along Main Street and a contemporary exterior façade are features of the design
- Library is out for bid, bids due Dec 6th
- Plan expects to look at these upcoming zoning revisions:
- Residential Zoning revisions with Accessory Dwelling Units
 1. Revisions to the amusement licensing fees
 2. Revisions to the fence requirements for swimming pools

3. Addition of a lighting ordinance

- Brown School Place, a 2.4 Million mixed use project has started site work
- Stonewood Grove Agreement and final plats are approved.
- USPS is making construction progress and is approximately 6 weeks behind schedule. An answer is still pending on the USPS paying for sidewalk to the north, connecting to Franklin Street or other location.
- Attended Citizen Advisory Committee for school district. Analysis thus far shows mechanical systems, windows, doors, interior finishes, asbestos remediation and HVAC updates are problems at Levi, TRIS and JC McKenna Schools. ECSD is looking at referendum options for future maintenance needs.
- Plan Commission approved a CUP for Fun Zone LLC at 18 W Main next month.
- Engineer is working out a plan for of site fill and LOMA for 155 E Main, project will not happen this year
- Two confidential projects the city pitched earlier this summer are not moving forward at this time.

B. Chamber of Commerce Report – Slaback presented her written report.

C. Tourism Commission Report – Berg presented her report, noting upcoming meetings and the recent Olde Fashioned Christmas event.

7. New Business

A. Updates and Discussion on New Commercial Construction. Sergeant updated on recently approved projects.

B. Updates and Discussion on Available Properties Web Content. Sergeant is working with Chamber and Rock Co.

C. 2018 Meeting Dates. Committee Discussed

8. Old Business

A. Discussion of 2018 Goals. Committee discussed 2018 goals.

B. Review the final draft for the 155 E Main property information sheet. Sergeant shared he is now waiting on engineering drawings

C. Review the revised draft for the Evansville community profile sheet. Sergeant shared he is working on new maps.

9. Education and News

A. Evansville News Articles. Sergeant shared recent news articles about Evansville projects.

10. Meeting Reminder: Next regular meeting December 18, 2017, 6:00 pm

11. Motion to Adjourn –Berg/Rutz, passed unanimously.