

Evansville Youth Center
Regular Meeting
Youth Center, 209 S First St., Evansville, WI 53536
Monday, March 25th, 2023 5:30 pm

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm
2. **Roll Call**

Members

Alderpersion Ben Corridon (EYC Chair)	Present
Alderpersion Abbey Barnes (EYC Vice-Chair)	Present
Kenneth Updike (Board Member)	Present
Maria Torres (Board Member)	Absent
Abraham Rodriguez (Board Member)	Absent
Angie Olsen (EYC Interim Director)	Present
Jason Sergeant (City Administrator)	Present

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** by Mr. Updike, seconded by Ms. Barnes, Approved without dissent.

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes** of the January 22nd, 2023 meeting and approve as printed, by Mr. Corridon. Seconded by Mr. Updike. Approved unanimously.

5. **Civility reminder** – Mr. Corridon reminded the group to conduct civil discussion

6. **Citizen Appearances** – None

7. **Youth Center Operations** - Placeholder

- The Interim Director reported that the EYC has been quiet lately, similar to last year.

9. New Business

- *Discussion and Possible Action on the Evansville Youth Center assessment.*
 - The City Administrator shared the assessment with the EYC Advisory Board.
 - Destree Design Architects reviewed the EYC building and the City asked them to look at future potential services for the EYC and what a building would need for those additional services. There were several concerns with the structural integrity of the building. Destree proposed both an immediate recommendation to remove the entry canopy for safety reasons and other recommendations to bring the current building into compliance within 12-18 months. The cost estimate would be a little over \$600,000 and the renovation is estimated to take 4-6 months. During that time, the building would have to be vacated during the renovations.
 - Destree provided the cost for a new building with a location down at 465 W. Main Street. The cost estimate was nearly \$2,000,000. The City Administrator shared that he believed that number to be high and it could potentially be done for less than the estimate. There were concerns with the new location as it was farther away from the middle school and there was a high likelihood that less students would walk down to the new building. In addition, getting a bus route would be prohibitively expensive and would need to travel several times to pick up kids.
 - The Advisory Board discussed next steps with the Evansville Youth Center. Given the assessment, the Advisory Board discussed alternate locations. Given that the new location at 465 W. Main Street wouldn't be available in the near future, the nearby churches were proposed, but there might be an optics issue from the City's perspective. The former Appliance Works on Main Street next to the Library was proposed as an option. Mr. Corridon requested that Ms. Barnes reach out to the landlord to start negotiations to see if Evansville Youth Center could rent the location. Ms. Barnes will report at the next meeting.
- *Discussion of Evansville Youth Center Closing Date*
 - The City Administrator and the Interim Director mentioned that the EYC should be closed by May 17th to not conflict with opening the Aquatic Center for the summer. Motion was made by Mr. Corridon to close the EYC on Friday May 10th. Mr. Updike seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
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10. Next Meeting Date – April 22nd, 5:30pm at the Youth Center.

11. Motion to Adjourn - Mr. Updike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Barnes, approved unanimously - meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.