

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
 Regular Meeting
 3rd Floor City Hall, 31 S Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 Monday, June 15th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. 6:02 pm

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Norman Barker	P	Erik Ferrar, ECSD
Kelly Shannon, Chair	P	Colette Spranger, Com. Dev. Director
Jon Alling	P	Shawn Dunphy, Chamber of Commerce
Paul Liesse	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Pat Carr	A	
Sue Berg	P	

3. Chair Election. *Motion to nominate Kelly Shannon by Berg,* second by Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Motion to Approve Agenda as printed.* Motion by Berg, second by Shannon. Motion carried unanimously.

5. *Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from May 18th, 2026 meeting and approve as printed.* Motion by Berg, second by Liesse. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Civility Reminder

7. Citizen appearances, other than listed agenda items
 None.

8. New Business

A. Letter from Ethan Mohrbacker

Shannon received this letter from a local 9th grader as part of a civics class assignment. Group agreed while the sentiment was genuine it was not fair to the new owners of the Evansville Auto Spa to be held accountable for the reviews of the prior owners, on which many of the letter's complaints were based. Spranger said she would reach out to suggest they try to start a new google page.

B. Enforcement Letter to Commercial/Industrial Properties

Spranger sought review of the draft letter, which she admitted Plan Commission found to be harsh. Liesse noted that as a renter, it would be helpful if there were specific language to help renters of commercial spaces, who often don't have the ability to fix or influence their building's maintenance. Comments echoed that it seemed hostile towards businesses instead of inviting.

9. Old Business**A. Review Sec. 94-81. Powers and Duties.**

General overview of the purpose of the committee and its guiding principles for Barker, who was encouraged to read over the economic development chapter of the comprehensive plan and to review the 2026 goals for this committee.

B. Library Partnership Update

Intro to AI class will be June 18th from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the library. Lehmann is continuing to network to find appropriate materials/resources from SCORE to provide for the public.

10. Monthly Reports**A. Community Development Update.**

A quiet spring gave way to a very busy May and June. Plan Commission approved a plan for the County M industrial site for Ace Materials Placing and Hatch Building Supply. Ongoing discussions regarding new development and code enforcement have taken up a lot of time.

B. Chamber Update.

Golf outing is coming up this Friday. Event is the chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year. 60 golfers are signed up. There will be a ribbon cutting for Evansville Auto Spa on Brown School Road and Chesterfield Kennels, which is celebrating 30 years.

C. Tourism Update.

Tourism just had its monthly meeting. The resolution establishing the Tourism Commission was amended to add a representative from The Grove Society and remove one from the Evansville Community Partnership, which no longer exists. Rex Theater mural is nearing completion – needs touch ups and a seal coat. Performance report for the tourism website (visitevansvillewi.com) revealed that the Aquatic Center was

11. Discussion**12. Next Meeting Dates:**

- A. Regular Meeting: July 20th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

13. Adjourn. Motion by Berg, second by Rutz. Motion carried unanimously.