

MINUTES

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**City of Evansville
Entrepreneurship Sub-committee of Economic Development
Thursday, August 27, 2015, 11:00 AM
City Hall, 31 S. Madison St. Evansville, WI**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Meeting Began at 11:05am
2. Roll Call: Present: Tris Lahti, Steve Eager, Craig Kittleson, Brandon Rutz, Mayor Sandy Decker, Community Development Director Jason Sergeant
3. Motion to Approve Agenda
4. Entrepreneurship sub-committee discussion:
 - a. Possible appointment of Chairperson. Those present acknowledged this wasn't needed just yet.
 - b. Membership structure
 - c. Direction, deliverables and timeline
 - d. Next steps
 - e. Other. Decker noted a 2008 summit suggested increasing the amount of information available to possible start-ups by putting information into the library. This might work with an incubator without walls concept. Also discussed was the idea of an entrepreneurship strategy that would start with education in middle school and high school. Those present discussed the objective of the sub-committee and indicated some more clarification is needed from EDC. Rutz suggested creating a survey to better understand the entrepreneurs who the committee might be trying to help. Those present also discussed the need to recruit an additional mix of members. Rutz suggested doing some surveys before expanding the committee. Lahti mentioned an upcoming tour of the Janesville Innovation Center. Decker suggested inviting a member of WBIC who lives in Evansville to be part of the sub-committee.
5. Set next meeting dates, tentatively set for September 28, 2015
6. Motion to Adjourn, meeting ended at 11:38pm