

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The City of Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Olson
 Member Chelsea Howell
 Member William MacLennan
 Member Chris Riley
 Member Shanna Stewart
 Member Scott Wiyninger

Members Absent: Member Rachal Johnson

Also Present: Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Manager

4.01: Consider Renewal of Anoka County Regional Economic Development Partnership (ACRED)

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Samantha Markman, ACRED, thanked the City of Ramsey for its continued support for the partnership. She stated that her last day with Anoka County is the following day and introduced County Administrator Rhonda Sivarajah that will oversee the partnership until the position is filled. She stated that all 21 communities within the county participate in the partnership to varying degrees. She provided details on the structure of the group along with its goals and initiatives. She presented the 2021 year in review, highlighting different events, marketing tools, and projects. She also reviewed some initiatives looking ahead into 2022 along with a schedule of events for the year. She commented that it has been an incredible opportunity to see the communities come together and work cooperatively.

Chairperson Olson asked for specific benefits that Ramsey has received through the program.

Ms. Markman highlighted the different benefits that Ramsey receives through the partnership.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan commented that CBRE lists a number of City owned properties but there are four properties that are not listed with CBRE and are instead listed through MNCAR which is hosted through ACRED. He commented that it is money well spent.

Member Stewart asked how many properties have been sold through MNCAR.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that there have been inquiries on those properties and leads generated through that tool. He commented that this is a relatively new tool as it just been used through the last three years.

The EDA thanked Ms. Markman for her presentation.

Motion by Member MacLennan, seconded by Member Wyingner, to recommend to City Council participation in the Anoka County Economic Development Partnership (ACRED) and approval of the \$1,576 continued voluntary cost-share to the partnership.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Members MacLennan, Wyingner, Howell, Riley, and Stewart. Voting No: None. Absent: Member Johnson.

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