

Economic Development Commission Item

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Subject	Melodie Bridgeman, Director of Community Development, Carver County Community Development Agency.	
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SUMMARY

Melodie Bridgeman, Director of Community Development at the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA), will give a presentation on her role with the CDA and discuss potential opportunities for partnership with the Economic Development Commission moving forward.

BACKGROUND

Melodie Bridgeman, Director of Community Development, Carver County Community Development Agency

Melodie Bridgeman is a seasoned leader in community development and affordable housing with over three decades of experience spanning government, nonprofit, and private sectors. Currently serving as the Director of Community Development for the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA), Melodie oversees strategic initiatives that promote housing access and economic growth. Since joining the CDA in June 2024, she has expanded the Community Land Trust program, launched a new Down Payment Assistance Program benefiting first-time homebuyers, and secured over \$1 million in funding to support long-term development goals.

Prior to her current role, Melodie co-founded and led two consulting firms where she guided clients through the complexities of affordable multifamily housing development. Her work resulted in over 2,000 housing units across 50+ projects and more than \$250 million in secured funding. Her portfolio includes workforce housing, supportive housing, historic preservation, senior living, and mixed-use developments.

Melodies' earlier roles include project management positions at Sherman Associates and the City of Saint Paul, where she contributed to award-winning urban redevelopment projects. She also held key community development roles in San Diego and Minneapolis, earning recognition for innovative planning and revitalization efforts.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and International Relations from the University of Minnesota and is known for her collaborative spirit, strategic thinking, and dedication to building strong communities.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

As this is a visitor presentation, no formal action is required.

ATTACHMENTS