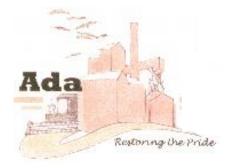
## ADA IN 2018

Continued Growth, Development and Transformation for Minnesota's Finest Small Town







## FACELITY FOR COMMERCIAL



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#### 2015-2017

- 80% reduction in vacant space in downtown commercial corridor
  - Dollar General opening
  - Weave Got Maille and Premier Anodizing expansion
  - Just for Kix opening
  - All Around Divas
  - Home Crown Realty
  - Pub 21
  - KRJB Expansion
- Several facility remodels
- \$50K commitment for matching grants (private industry spent almost \$120k) for exterior remodels resulting in \$170K



- New DAC retail operation
- Continued improvements to Old City Hall and Gilbertson Block
- Community Events and Convention Center
- \*\*Only <u>two more</u> vacant spaces to rent\*\*
  - Several firms have expressed interest
  - Target- 100% occupancy



## JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 2015-2017

- Private sector has boosted employment by 15%!!!
  - Over 50% along Main Street
- \$175K in 1% and 3% loans to seven small businesses that have grown in size
- Tax Increment Finance and Abatement District creation for both Industrial Parksover \$1 million in projects executed as a result!







- Two new businesses and facilities at Industrial Parks
  - Rob's Towing
  - Haverkamp Utilities
- More low interest loans execution
- Among lowest utility rates in region and state



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION

#### 2015-2017

- Completed \$430K upgrade to the Dekko Facility
  - Pool Pak and furnaces replaced
  - New carpet and paint
  - Exercise Room
  - Activities in pool for children
  - Renovated Community Room
  - New Roof
- Doubled facility membership
- Over \$60K was invested in Ada parks
- Ice rink façade improvement
- Over 400 new trees planted





- Continued improvement of community park and recreation programming
- Unique Dekko programming
  - Scuba training
  - Sensory swims
- Complete railway bed project
  - 200 more trees
- Apply for more recreation, arts and forestry grants





## NEW HOUSING STARTS AND LAND S

# Welcome to Ada May

#### 2015-2017

- Observed housing demand and bidding wars not seen in 50 years!
  - 15% price increase year over year
- Several new housing starts and completions in both Northwestern and Eastern sections of the city
  - Almost \$2 million in new home construction
- Cougar Addition Phase I sold
  out
- Rage Addition completed,





- Implement additional components of the Comprehensive Plan to encourage growth
- With companies to develop middle class homes
- More homes= more tax capacity= lower taxes



## CITY SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENTS

#### 2015-2017

- Successfully managed two State declared disasters
  - Improve Citywide communication and response time
- Completed 10 year budget and comprehensive plan, fully funded!
- Received two Standard and Poors' financial rating upgrades
- Improved fire fighting fleet
- Impressive response to a changing regional crime profile
- 24 hour non-emergency response standard from all City personnel







## Coming 2018

- Begin working community facility plan for infrastructure modernization
- Invest more in parks and recreation/ public safety
- Event Center opening
- Continue disciplined fiscal stewardship
- Discover more efficiencies



## WHY STOP HERE?







#### Team Ada, this is just the beginning!

- Other opportunities to look forward to:
  - Continue development of an Ada-Borup Community Fund
  - Continue to streamline all City policies
  - Aggressively and unconventionally recruit more businesses to Ada
  - Support existing Ada businesses to encourage continued growth and expansion
  - Continue integrating and synchronizing efforts among private, public and non-profit organizations
  - Make government work for you!





## AREA RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

