



## 2017 annual meeting award winners

### father of waters award | tom hoch



The Father of Waters Award is conferred periodically as the MDC's highest expression of gratitude. At the 61st MDC Annual Meeting, Immediate Past Chair **Tom Hoch** received the award. Throughout Hoch's two years as Board Chair, he was a continued and steadfast advocate for creating a vibrant, energetic and active downtown community. He's been a strong advocate for creating an extraordinary downtown through *Intersections: The Downtown 2025 Plan*. The mpls downtown council appreciates the work he's done with an emphasis on providing programming and elevating the experience within our downtown community.

### downtown improvement district ambassador of the year | john bunch



**John Bunch** has been an Ambassador since May of 2014. John is an everyday guy, he shows up every day, ready to work, always going above and beyond with the public and his coworkers. You know what you are going to get with John every single day. He is always eager to assist those in need and is eager to assist law enforcement officers with keeping our downtown safe. In the past year, John helped 5,815 people, gave 49 escorts and removed 284 graffiti tags.



### mpls downtown council 2025 plan leadership award winners

**Development:** U of M Task Force co-chaired by David Marquis & Paige Rickert

**Downtown Experience:** Northbest: Ads of Minnesota in collaboration with Doug Spong & AdFed MN

**Greening & Public Realm:** The Commons

**Transportation:** Commissioner Charlie Zelle

**Ending Street Homelessness:** YouthLink Peer Street Outreach Program

**Festival of Ideas-MiX:** John Sweeney

**2025 Plan Impact Award:** U.S. Bank Stadium

