



2015-2016 Business Forum Series: The Bright Economic Future is Now!

Thank you for your active membership in the East Downtown Council! This year's business forum series promises to be informative and strategically timed to continued unprecedented growth in the East Downtown Business District.

To this end we invite you to renew your membership and join a growing network of business leaders at this year's forums on the third Thursday of each month, September through June, 11:30 am-1:00 pm.*



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2015

September: *East Downtown through the Eyes of the Minneapolis City Council.*

A conversation with the three Council Members of East Downtown regarding development, district identity, and economic aspirations.

October 22: (SPECIAL DATE) *Introducing Joseph Haj, New Artistic Director for the Guthrie Theater*

The newly appointed Guthrie Theater Artistic Director Joseph Haj discussing a future vision for the Guthrie Theater's programming and engagement with the broader community along with dialogue about Minnesota's Creative Index and how the Guthrie will lead the way in accessibility and innovation in the arts.

November: *2025 Plan Focus on Ending Street Homelessness*

This joint forum with Downtown Council members will feature Minneapolis Downtown Council-Downtown Improvement District CEO Steve Cramer presenting along with key community leaders working on ending street homelessness in Downtown Minneapolis.

December: *The Healing Presence of Human Services*

A panel of leaders from non-profit health and human services organizations in East Downtown describing the ways their work provides housing solutions for people of all ages and incomes, restores individual lives, stabilizes neighborhoods and addresses some of the systemic societal challenges of our time.

2016

January: *City Public Realm Framework and Downtown Service Area Master Plan for Parks: What They Are and Why They Matter.*

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Community Planning and Economic Development leadership unveil the new framework and services for downtown parks and the public realm.

February: *The Downtown East Mixed Use Development and How it Changed the Trajectory of Our District.*

Leadership from Ryan Companies and Wells Fargo presenting on the five block mixed use project from inception to delivery.

March: *Crossing the Goal Line: Stadium Completion*

The Minnesota Sports Facility Authority and the Minnesota Vikings executive staff discussing the final phase of stadium construction leading to the grand opening.

April (Annual Meeting): *The New East Downtown Strategic Area Plan*

The Leadership of GreaterMSP presenting an updated strategic area plan that markets East Downtown to the world.

May: *The Rapidly Expanding East Downtown Housing Market*

Leaders from the development community and City staff discussing the now and future growth of housing and what it means to multiple economic indicators.

June: *Growing the Minnesota workforce through new and innovative means*

Hennepin County, Metropolitan Community Technical College, and regional voices speak to the new delivery systems for more people to have access to more job opportunities.