

# STEERING COMMITTEE "KICK-OFF" MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2016



# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome: Melvin Tennant
- Introductions: Melvin Tennant
- Background: Melvin Tennant
- Co-Chairs' Vision: Mayor Hodges and Bob Lux
- TMP Grounding: Kevin Hanstad
- Initial Findings: Kevin Hanstad
- Timeline: Kevin Hanstad
- Role of the Steering Committee: Bill Deef
- Next Steps: Bill Deef

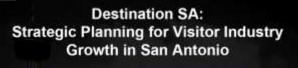


# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Mayor Betsy Hodges, Co-Chair
- Bob Lux, Alatus, Co-Chair
- David Berg, Carlson, Co-Chair
- <u>Committee</u>
  - Annie Gillette Cleveland, Walker Art Center
  - Brenda Langton, Spoonriver
  - Catherine M. Rydell, American Academy of Neurology
  - Council President Barbara Johnson, City of Minneapolis
  - D. Craig Taylor, CPED
  - Dave Schad, Fleishman Hillard
  - Dennis Probst, MAC
  - Eric Dayton, North Corp
  - Eric Pehle, Weber Shandwick
  - Erick Garcia Luna, City of Minneapolis
  - Irene Quarshie, Target
  - Jayne Miller, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
  - Jeff Johnson, Minneapolis Convention Center
  - John Edman, Explore Minnesota Tourism
  - Marion Greene, Hennepin County
  - Matt Hoy, Minnesota Twins
  - Maya Santamaria, Santamaria Broadcasting
  - Melvin Tennant, Meet Minneapolis
  - Michele Kelm-Helgen, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority
  - Mike Christenson, MCTC Foundation
  - Phil Trier, U.S. Bank
  - Richard Copeland, Thor Construction
  - Shiro "Don" Katagiri, Kiku Enterprises
  - Steve Cramer, Minneapolis Downtown Council
  - Susan Franson, Delta Airlines
  - Tom Jollie, Padilla
  - Tom Mahlke, Mid-States



### BACKGROUND





Presented to the: City of San Antonio March 22, 2006

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- Pioneered a TMP in San Antonio in 2006
- Post-recession tourism & meetings market has become extremely competitive
- A TMP will position Minneapolis as a strategic player
- Minneapolis is on the leading edge



# CO-CHAIRS' VISION



- A tourism master plan is a long-term (10 - 20 year) strategic plan to develop the tourism industry in a city, state or nation to drive economic impact for the benefit of the community.
- Tourism, unlike other major industries, is highly fragmented and consists of multiple independent industries:
  - Hotels

- Professional Sporting Teams Arts & Cultural Institutions
- Restaurants Retail Stores
- Entertainment Venues
- A tourism master plan unifies these disparate industries by developing a singular vision to improve all, as well as the city infrastructure, for the benefit of tourists.



- Tourists reciprocate by spending money which becomes:
  - Revenue for local businesses
  - Wages for local residents
  - Tax revenue for local government
  - Reduction in tax burden on residents
- The hospitality industry has a vested interest in proactive collaboration with all the entities which shape and impact, either positively or negatively, the personal experience of each and every visitor.
- A TMP provides a forum to curate the *whole experience* of a visitor from arrival to departure.
- However, of <u>significant</u> importance, improvements identified in such a plan also benefit the local community by conserving natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of the current residents as well as future generations.



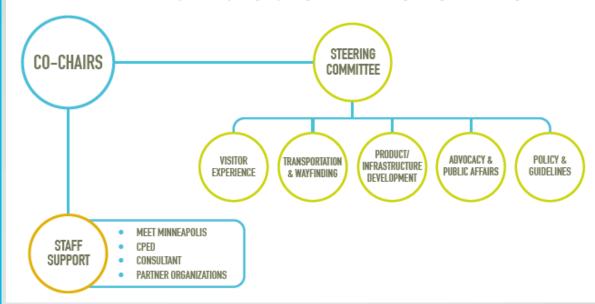
#### Plan Outcomes

- A strategic vision and concrete action plan to enhance the city as a tourist destination
- Action plan owners with accountability
- Performance metrics
- Alignment across the tourism industry
- Organized advocacy for achieving a "whole experience" for visitors
- Efficiency and cost effectiveness through public/private collaboration
- Raised profile as a tourist and meetings destination
- Preservation of cultural and natural assets
- Increased business revenues
- Increased sales tax revenues
- Job creation (including gateway jobs)
- Attraction of new residents



#### **PLANNING STRUCTURE**

These committee focus areas are examples and may change depending on the outcome of the grounding and outreach stages.





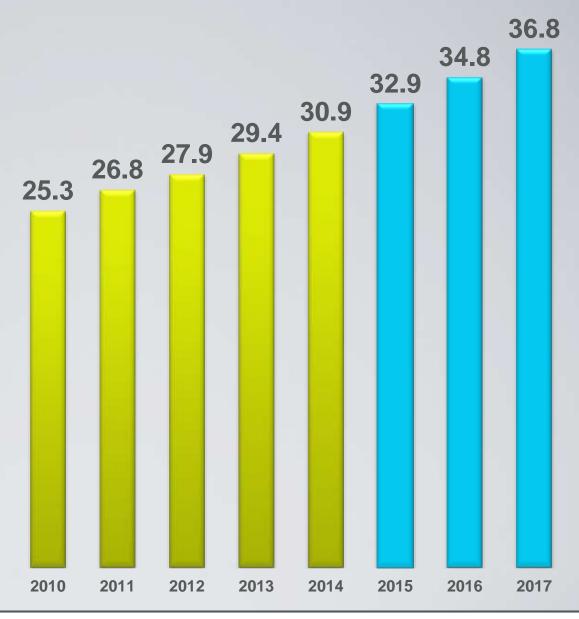




INITIAL FINDINGS FROM GROUNDING & OUTREACH

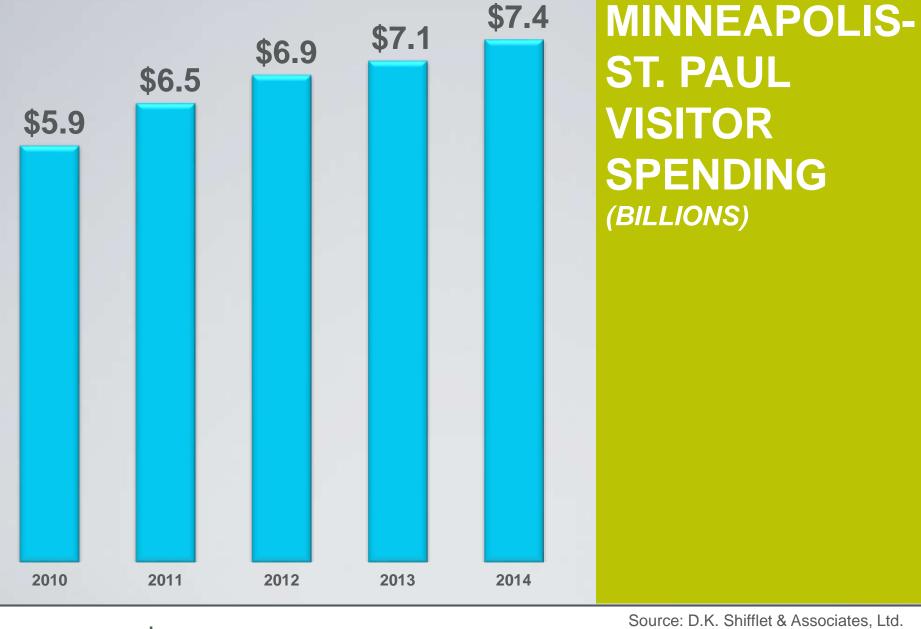


#### MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL VISITORS (MILLIONS)





Sources: D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd. 2010-2014 Meet Minneapolis 2015-2017





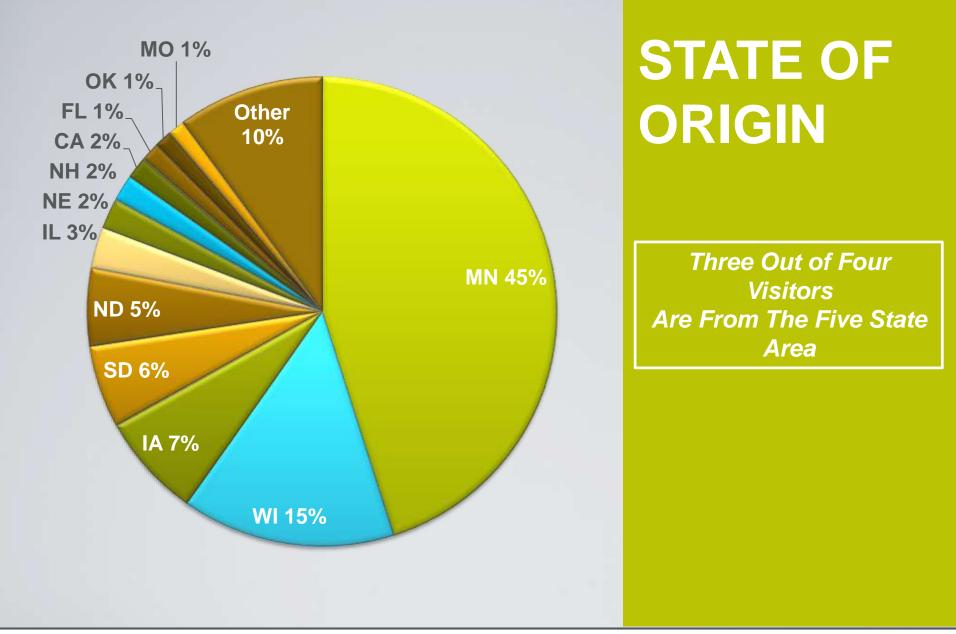
Source: D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd.

VISITORS AND SPENDING BY TRIP PURPOSE (2014)



Source: D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd.







Source: D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd. 2014 Person-Stays Based, n = 1,509



Average Among Overnight Visitors: 2.3 Nights

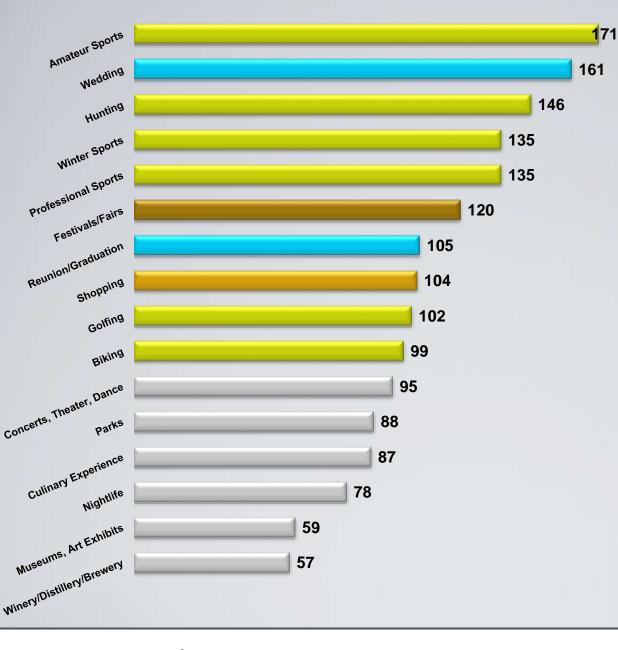


 Minneapolis
 Meet Minneapolis

 City by Nature
 Convention & Visitors Association

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### VISITOR ACTIVITIES





### VISITORS' QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE





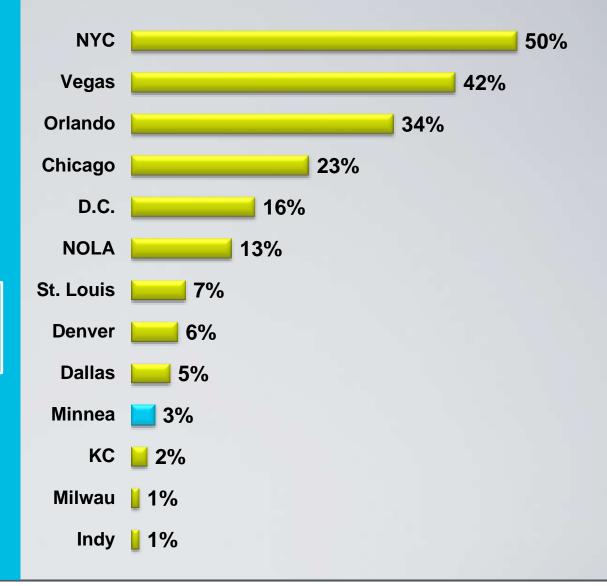


<sup>1</sup> Rankings derived from visitor ratings of "very good" or "excellent" on social media such as Trip Advisor and Yelp. Source: 2015 Minneapolis Tourism Quality Performance Report, Resonance Consultancy Ltd.

#### LEISURE TRAVELER AWARENESS (UNAIDED)

"When you think of American cities to visit, which ONE comes to mind first?"

"Still thinking about American cities to visit, what other cities come to mind?"



Source: Meet Minneapolis Awareness Tracking Study, September 2012  $\mathsf{n}=250$ 



#### LEISURE TRAVELERS' PERCEPTIONS OF MINNEAPOLIS

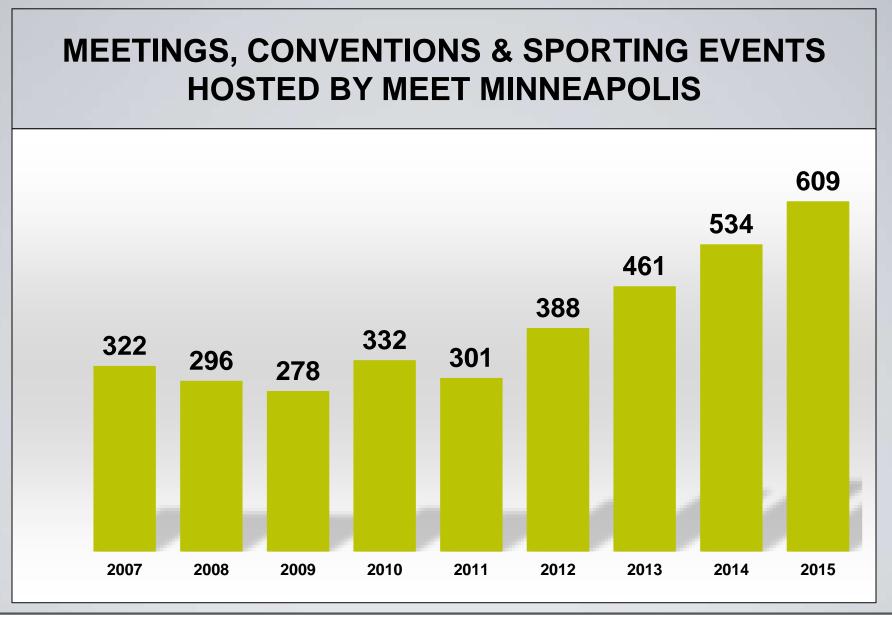
"Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The city of Minneapolis is / has . . . " ( "Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Neither Agree Nor Disagree, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly")

Friendly	72%
Down to Earth	70%
Many Lakes Within the City	65%
Clean	63%
Beautiful	57%
Safe	55%
Cultural	55%
Good Shopping	54%
Fun	50%
Active Year Round	50%
Lots to Do	49%
<b>Creative/Artistic</b>	48%
Easy to Get Around	45%
Natural/"Green"	43%
Vibrant	40%
Unique	38%
Innovative	35%
Sophisticated	30%
Fast Pace	28%
Cold Year Round	<b>26%</b>
Hip	23%

Source: Meet Minneapolis Awareness Tracking Study, September 2012 n = 250







Minneapolis City by Nature Convention & Visitors Association Source: iDSS







WHAT KIND OF CITY ARE WE?

MEET MINNAPOLIS ANNUAL MEETING



### WHAT KIND OF CITY SHOULD WE BECOME?

### MEET MINNEAPOLIS ANNUAL MEETING





FREQUENT	LESS FREQUENT	
Adult Getaway Sports, Nightlife & Restaurants	Sports & Concerts	
<b>"Splurge"</b> Price Not an Issue	Cost Conscious	
Hotel Proximate to Event	Safety Concerns	
"Party"	Very Little Awareness of Arts & Culture	
Museums " <i>Hoity Toity</i> "	"A lot to do in Fargo"	
Parks "Got em in Fargo"	Hosts Act as Guides	
"Winnipeg is a hassle"		

# FARGO VISITORS

FOCUS GROUPS APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016



## OUTREACH (COMPLETED)

#### Group

#### Date

Meet Minneapolis Staff	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Meet Minneapolis Annual Meeting Attendee Survey	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hotel General Managers & Directors of Sales	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Twin Cities	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Travel Writers Survey	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
DMAI DestinationNEXT Online Diagnostic Tool	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Meeting Professionals International Minnesota Chapter	April 14 <sup>th</sup>

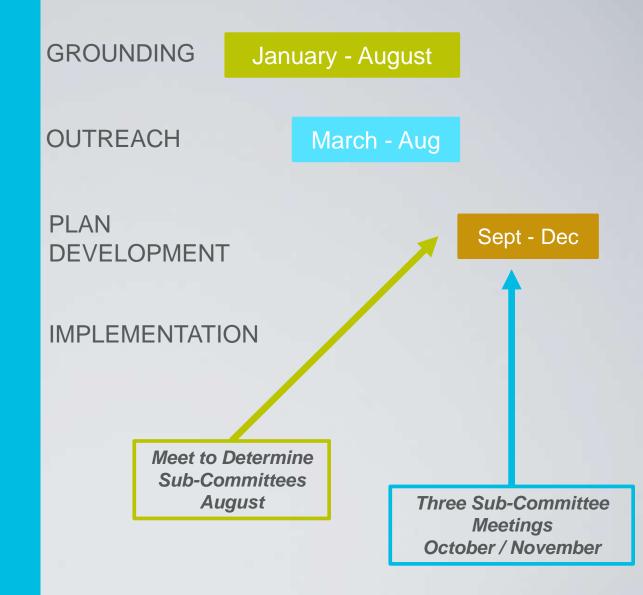


### **OUTREACH** (FORTHCOMING)

Group	Date
Ward 7	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Open Streets Mpls	June 5 <sup>th</sup> – October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Pride Twin Cities	June 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
Key Stakeholder One-on- One Interviews	TBD
Hotel Concierge Survey	TBD
Event Planners' Survey	TBD
Visitors' Survey	TBD



# TIMELINE





# ROLE OF STEERING COMMITTEE

- Governing Body
- Strategic Guidance
- Sub-Committee Determination
- Sub-Committee Leadership
- Sub-Committee Participation
- Review of the Plan Draft
- Ambassador to the Community



# **NEXT STEPS**

- Steering Committee Members' One-On-One Interviews with Consultant
- Thoughts on Meeting Between Now and August Sub-Committee Determination Meeting
- Lead Time Required to Schedule Meetings

