

Saint Paul Garbage Advisory Committee

Committee

- Diverse committee comprised of Saint Paul residents from many different backgrounds and perspectives
- We discussed several aspects of garbage collection in Saint Paul, we agreed on some elements and disagreed on others
- Many of us were quite passionate about this work, and we are all proud of the efforts and end product

Major Concerns

- Garbage pick-up is a public health issue
- Garbage pick-up is an equity issue
- Lack of options for things like opt-out or cart sharing created problems
- Environmental impact/ waste reduction
- Local economic impact

Issues with agreement

- Next RFP and Contract Mechanics
- Billing
- Customer Service
- Yard Waste/ organics

Issues with disagreement

- Opt-out
- Cart-sharing
- Service Holds
- Costs and Pricing
- Bulky Items

New RFP/ Contract Mechanics

- New RFP
- Reconsider Consortium
- Consider municipal option

Billing

- Billing should be done by the City, not the individual haulers

Customer Service

- Customer Service should be handled by the City, not the individual haulers

Yard Waste/ Organics

- Keep yard waste as a separate paid service
- Include both full season and “a la carte” options

Opt-out

Pro opt-out

- Options for those that don't create waste- should not subsidize those that do

Con Opt-out

- Garbage service benefits everyone, therefore everyone should contribute

Cart Sharing

Pro

- Allows for flexibility for low-waste producers as well as multi-family households

Con

- Concerns about enforcement and logistics

Service Holds

We agree

- Do not require a reason
- Written plan outlining the program

We disagree

- Allow for occupied dwellings as an alternative to opt-out/cart share

Costs and pricing

- Base unit cost per property plus cart(s) fees
- Base unit cost per dwelling plus cart(s) fees
- Pricing based on volume
- Reduced fee if cart is not full (converse to overstuff fee)

Bulky Items

- Many options- how to include and how to price