

## Trash Talk Committee Notes and Upcoming Meeting

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Trash Talk Committee Notes .docx;

Good morning Mayor Perry and Director Bower,  
When you have a chance, please check out the attached notes of all the Trash Talk Notes in regard to Trash and recycling contracts. We will have another meeting Thursday, July 29th, 2021 7 PM at the Great Hall. I invite you to attend to discuss the notes and wrap up this section of the committee. We will also be discussing the liter issues and solutions are city parks and fields.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
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## Trash Talk Committee Notes

### Past Meeting Dates

Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 6PM

Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 7PM

Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6PM CANCELLED

Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30 PM Via Zoom

**Upcoming Meeting Thursday, July 29th 2021 7PM**

### Capital Improvement Plan

- Bringing Yard Waste in-house
- Buying a trash compactor

### Transfer Station

- Extend/Change Hours
- More user friendly (get away from “only these type of items on a certain day”)
- Raise costs to make more competitive
- Scrap metal refund/return
- Advertise/promote transfer station
- Explore having an enterprise type fund to get the transfer station self sustainable.
- More customer friendly ways to pay at transfer station

### Trash/Recycle/Yard Waste Contracts

- Contract Options:
  - Limit trash pick up option (compare pricing)
  - Recycling weekly
  - Costs and options for keeping the One “bulk” item a week
  - Current Vs. Automated
  - Effects automated may have on particular neighborhoods (Example Arlington Neighborhood tight streets/parking, plus considering winter storms)
  - Address when tipping barrels into trucks if trash and items are falling out and not going into the truck to pick it up, (especially broken glass)
- **Start time** is in the contract and followed by contractors. They should not be starting early, Residents have until the start time to put out their trash and recycling when they start early they are being called back for missing houses. Also starting too early could pose to go against our charter (Section 9-62. Noise Pollution Control Ordinance)
- **Contracts are clear and understand which contractor is responsible for picking up Cardboard.** Numerous residents have witnessed the current trash contractor picking up their recyclable cardboard because they got their first, this appears to be extremely sneaky and is a scam against the city. We pay more for trash, so for trash contractors to pick up recycles and pass it off as trash costs more for the City and by extension the Tax-Payers. This should be made abundantly clear.
- **Yard Waste Pick up**
  - Contractors spread it out to get more pick up throughout the year.
  - Bring in-house