

# City of Saint Paul - Sustainable "To Go" Food Packaging Initiative

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

2pm – 4pm

375 Jackson St. Conference Room 2East

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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview and Scope of Work Group
- Review of research
  - o Presentations:
    - o Bulk Buying – Miriam Holsinger, Eureka Recycling
    - o Small Business Success Stories & Challenges – WasteWise
    - o Community Outreach– Mary Gleich-Matthews, DSI
    - o Packaging Options – Rhea Hale, WestRock
    - o Partnerships – Mike Levy, ACC PFIG
    - o Economically Viable Product Alternatives – MN Restaurant Association
    - o Regional Regulatory Comparisons – DSI
    - o Education (Consumer and Business)
    - o Marketing – Paris Dunning, East Side Area Business Association
- Next Steps

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Assignments:**

- End of life entities – where will the materials collected go?
  - o Eureka
    - What comes in?
    - What is accepted? (Eureka Specific)
- Health Risks - ACC
  - o Styrofoam
- Credentialing:
  - o Gretchen/Simon - BPI Contact
  - o SAT – organics collection (Rob or Anne)
- MPLS – exemptions and implementation
  - o Exemptions for financial hardship or unique packaging requirements
    - Catering: to-go?
    - Hot/Cold items
      - Top exemption?
    - What is Minneapolis doing for exemptions?
    - Extra time for certified compostable solutions (hard to find acceptable items)
      - BPI Certification/ASTM

## **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

- Consumer Education (residential and business)
  - o Contamination issues (recycle and/or compostable)
    - Paper recycling
  - o Tie into residential recycling programs
  - o Enforcement
  - o Community Access
  - o Resident Messaging
  - o Business Messaging
- Consumer purchasing availability and cost
  - o Residents vs Business