

AGENDA

Youth Services Committee
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:30 a.m.

Room 100

Members and Alternates: Councilmembers Bill Dudley, Amy Foster, Steve Kornell, and Wengay Newton; Alternate—Karl Nurse

Support Staff: Mike Jefferis, Parks and Recreation Director

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes for Youth Services Committee—March 12, 2015
- C. Agenda Items
 1. Bridge the Gap BMX Project—Officer Michael Christian
- D. New Business
 1. Next Meeting Date—Thursday, May 21, 2015
- E. Adjournment

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Youth Services Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Chair Amy Foster, Vice-Chair Steve Kornell, Councilmembers William Dudley, Wengay Newton and Karl Nurse (alternate)

Also Present: Councilmember Charles Gerdes, Recreation & Programming Superintendent Rick Craft, Assistant City Attorney Kim Proano, SPIRIT Inc. CEO Eric Nidiffer and Co-Founder William Nidiffer and Assistant to the City Clerk Heather Worley

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order. Councilmember Dudley moved with a second from Councilmember Newton that the February 12, 2015 minutes be approved as submitted. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, The SPIRIT Project, Eric Nidiffer, CEO of SPIRIT Inc. began the presentation by describing SPIRIT as a unified web-based application built for a collaborative environment. While focused on at-risk youth, SPIRIT exists to help any agency with youth, families, or adult populations that are experiencing legal proceedings, in need of youth services, confronting homelessness and many other areas where assistance may be needed. The collaboration integrated through SPIRIT enables social service agencies, law enforcement, courts, and schools to maintain information for their respective agencies while also sharing secure and confidential information by means of consent as part of a larger system where all involved in a case can communicate and be accountable. According to Mr. Nidiffer, SPIRIT identifies services in real time and is connected to community providers, thus keeping all parties informed every step of the way. This innovative system, already utilized throughout Florida and other states, avoids duplication of services, prevents clients from being overlooked, removes barriers, prevents bottlenecks, reduces pecuniary burdens and most importantly ensures that the client receives the assistance needed.

Councilmember Dudley exits the meeting.

Councilmember Nurse exits the meeting.

Committee members agreed that The SPIRIT Project is a valuable system but that surrounding agencies may not currently be ready for this type of program. The Committee thanked Eric and William Nidiffer for their time and presentation as a means to stay informed regarding new and available programs.

The next Youth Services Committee meeting will be held on April 9, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.