

## AGENDA

Youth Services Committee  
Thursday, October 8, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

### Room 100

Members and Alternates: Councilmembers Bill Dudley, Amy Foster (Chair), Steve Kornell (Vice-Chair), 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—May 21, 2015

C. Agenda Items

1. Trenae Gayle, founder of Secrets Shouldn't Hurt, Inc., will discuss why she started her organization and her mission to help children.

D. New Business

1. Next Meeting Date—Monday, November 16, 2015

E. Adjournment

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Youth Services Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Councilmember Charlie Gerdes, St. Petersburg Police Department Sergeant Jim Alese and Detective Steven Sequeira, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Jefferis, Assistant City Attorney Jordan Wolfgram and Assistant to the City Clerk Heather Worley

**Absent:** Councilmember Wengay Newton

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order. Councilmember Dudley moved for approval the agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Nurse made a motion that the April 9, 2015 minutes be approved as submitted. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, Juvenile Second Chance Program Update, St. Petersburg Police Department Sergeant Jim Alese and Detective Steven Sequeira gave a brief update and provided some recent statistics.

Program statistics for the dates of April 6 through May 19 include:

- 104 juveniles committed misdemeanor offenses
- 27 of those juveniles qualified for the Second Chance Program
- 22 juveniles successfully completed the program
- 1 juvenile of the 22 has re-offended

Detective Sequeira also informed the Committee that there were five cases in which qualifying juveniles were not offered the program. In these five cases the investigating officers were retrained on the new General Order that details the Juvenile Second Chance Program.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Jefferis explained that the program is having a positive impact on participating juveniles and that many are introduced to mentors, TASCOS, and other recreation center programs. Mr. Jefferis further explained that so far there have been no unruly participants, and the community service work day has proved to be an educational experience. Mr. Jefferis praised the collaborative efforts and commitment between St. Petersburg Police Department and the Parks & Recreation Department and stated that it serves as an excellent example of partnership.

Members of the Committee followed up with some additional questions and expressed thanks to the Police Department and the Parks & Recreation Department for their efforts regarding the Second Chance Program.

In connection with the new business, Update on the Juvenile Welfare Board and Florida Department of Children and Families, Committee Chair Foster began discussion by asking members of the Committee to consider which priorities they want to focus on and where funding should be invested. Discussion regarding the insufficient number of summer jobs available to the many unemployed youth ensued. Ideas were proposed to decrease the disparity between the two. Other thoughts shared included impacting youth at the developmental stage with early childhood education, building employability skills, education and training on how to seek employment, creating job fairs, and recruiting private businesses to partner in providing jobs.

Main goals that the Committee agreed to focus on included the following:

- Emphasis on quality early childhood education
- Jobs for youth (after school, summer and privately sourced)
- Motivating youth to strive for excellence

The next Youth Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.