

AGENDA

Youth Services Committee
Thursday, July 14, 2016
9:15 a.m.

Room 100

Members and Alternates: Council Members Amy Foster, Charlie Gerdes, Karl Nurse, Lisa Wheeler-Brown; Alternate—Darden Rice

Support Staff: Mike Jefferis, Parks and Recreation Director

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes from Youth Services Committee—April 14, 2016
- C. Agenda Items
 - 1. City of St. Petersburg Career Academy at Gibbs High School – Gibbs High School Principal Reuben C. Hepburn and 9th Grade Administrator Keri Gartland
 - 2. Code for Tampa Bay, National Day of Civic Hacking – Volunteers Emily Karsina and Deanna Gray
- D. New Business
 - 1. Next Meeting Date—Thursday, August 11, 2016
- E. Adjournment

Councilmember Rice inquired regarding the standard for poverty, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). She noted that the FPL is often not a true measure of destitution, as it does not take many factors into account. These include reliance on Food Stamps, out of pocket healthcare payments, etc. New York takes a more inclusive look at poverty, and the percentage of persons in poverty was much higher than that of the percentage reflected with FPL. Mr. Audino specified that the Circles program will be unique in each city that participates, and that the metric can be changed to fit our needs in St. Petersburg.

Chair Foster spoke to her concerns regarding the burden of individuals attending weekly meetings with Circles. Individuals in poverty often do not have the time or resources to make arrangements for child care, or other concerns. Mr. Audino did not have data on transportation, although, he stated, that day care is provided at meetings.

Councilmember Gerdes moved that the Youth Services Committee recommend to City Council an allocation of \$15,000 from contingency funds, for the purpose of getting a plan from Circles USA for poverty elimination in South St. Petersburg. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vice-Chair Wheeler-Brown requested that data regarding implementation of Circles in other cities be brought to the Committee members.

The next Youth Services meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.