



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Henry Godfrey, Senior Youth Planner

DATE: December 18, 2025

SUBJECT: December Commission Memo

During the month of November, the Hampton Youth Commission (HYC) hosted their first Stakeholder Meeting and Teen Town Hall of the school year, explored the Hampton NASA/Langley Steam Plant, and finalizing preparation for the Grants Public Hearing.

Regarding the Stakeholder meeting, Commissioners discussed creative solutions with Hampton City Schools support staff. There were a variety of perspectives and issues, which included the current cell phone ban, mental health, and school culture/community involvement.

Another significant event for the month was the Teen Town Hall. During this occasion, collaborative thoughts were shared with other youth organizations and new youth master plan goals were discussed.

HYC also had the opportunity of visiting the Hampton/NASA Steam Plant. It was a valuable learning experience as we were exposed to concepts of where some of the waste goes and how it is treated in Hampton. We also learned how the recycling processes work and how burning the waste creates steam energy used by NASA Langley.

The Commission has been tasked with synthesizing our teen town hall data, which will help document how the meeting went, help the Commissioners work on their skills, and better prepare them for the real world.

Finally, with the Annual Grants Hearing taking place on December 15th, the Commissioners have been busy with finalizing the grants application reviews, interviewing grant applicants, and conducting a mock public hearing to prepare for the real event. This preparation helped the Commissioners explore issues youth have in Hampton, and offer a variety of solutions.

Upcoming HYC events for in January include sending acceptance letters grant recipients, recruiting process kickoff, and drafting goals #3 and #4 of the Youth Master Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Henry Godfrey, Senior Youth Planner at henry.godfrey@hampton.gov or 757-728-5225.