



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Henry Godfrey, Senior Youth Planner

DATE: May 21st, 2026

SUBJECT: May Planning Commission Memo

During April, the commissioners held their Teen Town Hall, which invited many of the community's stakeholders to serve as panelists and give insights about Hampton. Based upon the principles of the Youth Masterplan, this meeting dove into how we are currently safe and involved within the community, and how community leaders could make a difference in improving both safety and increasing student involvement. One topic that was discussed was school safety. A lot of students were unaware that there is a school hotline if anything they need anything/emergencies happen. Some panelists included Chief Wideman, as well as Officer Birdsong and Officer Manny.

A crucial event for the Hampton Youth Commission is concluding recruiting within the schools for the month of May, and beginning to onboard new commissioners through interviews. This helps us to understand how applicants can add value to the commission and carry on our legacy.

Some upcoming events for the Commission towards the end of this month. On May 18th, is our official onboarding meeting of new Hampton Youth Commission members. This allows the newer commissioners to explore and learn about the work that the Hampton Youth Commission does.

The HYC Senior dinner celebrates the Hampton Youth Commission seniors for all of the work that they've done over the past 4 years, as well as coming this far prior to their graduation. This will be a time full of memories, fellowship, and sharing each other's company one last time before they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Our focus groups are where commissioners meet up with many organizations within the City of Hampton to talk about different issues and create solutions. In the process, the Commissioners had the opportunity to make new connections and network for future relationships.

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