



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Henry Godfrey, Senior Youth Planner

DATE: October 16, 2025

SUBJECT: October Youth Planner Memo

During the month of September, the Hampton Youth Commission (HYC) reconvened for their first meeting of the school year. The executive team met to strategize the agenda for their fellow Commissioners that night. One of the main aspects was assigning Commissioners to specialized committees. For the Youth Voice Committee, this included revising the Youth Master Plan with updated data and strategies. The Community Participation Committee's main priority is focusing on the upcoming Youth Grants cycle which includes preparing and to reviewing applications and planning the public hearing.

During the meeting, Commissioners were given the opportunity to express their perspectives, emotions, and possible solutions about recent event that involved a weapon at Kecoughtan High School.

Another milestone to start the HYC year was the appointment of Commissioners to partner and serve with the Neighborhood Commission. This will not only benefit the Commissioners by allowing them to share and learn new perspectives; but also, allow space for their voices to be heard in the process of neighborhood advocacy.

The Commission also was afforded the opportunity to learn more about the different public procedures that take place in an emergency. Also, they learned about many of the human resources management tools within the workforce, as well as construction standards.

Another presentation to the Commission included a briefing on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Members from Finance and Budgeting shared the typical protocols and gave the Commission a head start on filing potential budget requests for the 2025-2026 fiscal school year.

Upcoming HYC events for October include administering a Youth Survey to provide updated data research to support the Youth Masterplan, planning an Interest Meeting, and recruiting within schools throughout Hampton (mainly high school)

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.

