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TO: Hampton Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Monthly Youth Planner Report

On September 24th, the James River Association (JRA) took the Hampton Youth Commission (HYC) on a boat tour in the Chesapeake Bay. JRA has been conducting such tours for Hampton students in the 5th grade, providing education about the Bay and its environment. During our tour, we learned about the history of Hampton's waterfront businesses, and of the different wildlife species that call the Bay home. Our tour leader, James, pointed out different buildings along the Chesapeake Bay as we passed them and gave information on their historical and cultural importance. We also learned about the efforts being made towards increasing nesting sites for native birds in the Bay.

The City Manager was scheduled to attend this October 3rd meeting to provide insight on how the Commission's work connects with Council's strategic priorities and how best to communicate their work to the City Council. Due to inclement weather, the planned meeting was cancelled and we are working to reschedule the meeting.

The Community Participation Committee has been working on the Candidates forum. This will be a joint event with the Youth Advisory Group (YAG), and will be held on October 24th in the Sandy Bottom Nature Park Center from 6:00–8:00 PM. The purpose of this event is to get youth involved with local elections and government, by engaging both City Council and School Board candidates with questions about topics that are important to the youth in Hampton.

The Youth Voice Committee is planning their first meeting with the Hampton City School Board for this academic year on November 21st. The location and time for this meeting is the West Hampton Community Center, from 6:00-7:30 PM. The purpose of this event is to give youth an opportunity to engage with one of the City's Boards that impact youth. During this meeting, the Commissioners plan to continue their discussions from last year regarding youth safety, establishing methods of communication between the Board and students, and boosting student morale within schools.

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The Grants Committee has been planning the schedule for the upcoming grants cycle. The deadline for grants applications is October 31st. They have also begun sending the grant application out to different youth groups and facilities. These facilities include schools, libraries, neighborhood centers, and more. The Grants public hearing is scheduled for December 5th, in Council Chambers.

Our upcoming meetings and events are:

October 24th: HYC and YAG Candidates Forum

November 7th: Executive Meeting and Commission Meeting

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