



TO: Hampton Planning Commission
FROM: Helena Folkerts, Junior Youth Planner
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SUBJECT: Monthly Youth Planner Report

At the end of the 2022-2023 academic school year, the Hampton Youth Commission (HYC) was charged by Mayor Tuck and the City Manager to poll the youth of Hampton with the following questions:

- What do you do for fun in the City?
- What fun things would you like do in the City that currently doesn't exist or needs to be improved?
- If you leave the City to pursue a degree or career, what would draw you back to Hampton?

During September and October, HYC went into all of the high schools to address these questions through in-school surveying. In addition to the in-school surveying, students were asked about their feelings towards the environments they live in, and also were asked if they had any questions for our Mayor in preparation for the Teen Town Hall, which was held on November 6, 2023.

On October 23rd, the Commission met with the Mayor where commissioners were able to ask the Mayor questions firsthand and details for the Teen Town Hall were finalized.

The Teen Town Hall, held on November 6th, which was also live-streamed, was considered a great success. The Town Hall was a way for teens all throughout Hampton and not just within the Commission to interact with our local government officials and learn more about how the City operates. Moving forward, the information gathered from the surveys and the input received at the town hall will inform the work of updating the Youth Master Plan.

The Commission's next significant work will revolve around the Youth Grant Program. To date, HYC has received 13 applications and the Commissioners are in the process of reviewing the applications, which will then be followed by



application interviews, and culminate in the grants public meeting where the Commission will take action on each grant proposal.

Our upcoming meetings and events are:

November 20th: Grant Hearing Preparation

November 27th: Commission Meeting

December 4th: Commission Meeting

December 18th: Grants Public Hearing

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Helena Folkerts, Junior Youth Planner: at helena.folkerts@hampton.gov or 757-728-5224.