



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Henry Godfrey, Senior Youth Planner

DATE: March 19, 2026

SUBJECT: March Planning Commission Memo

During March, the Youth Commission re-established our bylaws and reset to truly end the year strong.

One highlight of these bylaws was attendance. We have structured our policies to encourage commissioners to be more mindful and intentional regarding meeting attendance. Unfortunately, we have had to remove some of the commissioners due to not communicating/not being able to attend meetings consistently.

The Commission also had the opportunity to attend the Youth Orchestra, which took place in Virginia Beach. This allowed the commissioners an opportunity to expand their horizons, open their eyes, and expose themselves to new music and experience.

Another notable assignment that the Commission had during the month of March was data training. This training was a measurable account for all of the qualitative, quantitative, and mixed data types associated with the Youth Master Plan.

This month also starts the Commission's focus groups, which is where the commissioners meet up with many organizations within the City of Hampton, to talk about select solutions and create solutions to them. In process, the Commissioners had the opportunity to make new connections and network for future relationships.

And opportunity to improve the way the Commission approached their social media included speaking with Ms. Kimberly Coleman from the Media Arts and Design Academy from Bethel High School on February 23rd. She talked to the students about being safe online, as well as different ways to grow your following on social media and within the online world.

Some upcoming events that the Commission has coming up towards the end of this month:

- Skate No Hate – a place for youth to skate and have fun in their community;
- Drip n Sip – a place where the Hampton Youth Commission shares their work and has a light beverage;
- Mary Washington Youth Conference – where the Commission has an opportunity to solve different issues happening in the environment with youth groups.

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