



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Helena Folkerts, Senior Youth Planner

DATE: April 17, 2025

SUBJECT: April Youth Planner Memo

In the month of March, the Hampton Youth Commission (HYC) staff focused its efforts on planning and executing an educational trip to Richmond, Virginia. The primary intent of the trip was to showcase our state's capital city and to learn more about youth opportunities to serving in government. On March 28th and 29th Commissioners toured the Capitol building and grounds, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, and explored the diverse culture and history of the City through museums, monuments, art galleries, and public parks. This opportunity will help the Commissioners serve Hampton's youth and hopefully bring back what they learned to inspire and teach others. This trip was made available to select Commissioners who show dedication and excitement towards civic engagement. We hope to make this an annual trip and expand it to include all Commissioners.

Additionally, HYC is in the process of concluding recruiting efforts for the 2025-26 application cycle, and Commissioners and staff are currently working on reviewing applications and setting interview dates. We are also recruiting for a new Junior Youth Planner to help serve alongside the Senior Youth Planner next year.

Finally, the Commission is concluding the 2024 grant process. Final site visits are being scheduled as well as check ins with the applicants to ensure their programs and events are receiving the support needed from HYC.

Our April meetings and upcoming events include:

- April 21st: Commission Meeting 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- April 28th: Committee Meeting 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Helena Folkerts, Senior Youth Planner at helena.folkerts@hampton.gov or 757-728-5225.