FARGO YOUTH INITIATIVE
MINUTES

Regular Meeting: **Sunday, February 13, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Fargo Youth Initiative Members of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Dawson Room of the Fargo Public Library Main Library at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, February 13, 2022.

The Fargo Youth Initiative Members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Aarya Panwalkar, Fatima Attia, Samuel Swenson, Natalie Evensen, Madeline Abbott, Jadyn Chakua, Fatima Attia, Abhijna Kavasseri

Absent: Anna French, Kha (Andy) Tao, Erika Spanjer

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions
Vice Chair Panwalkar welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approve Agenda & Minutes
Member Attia moved the Order of Agenda and the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Fargo Youth Initiative meeting be approved. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. Elections
Member Attia moved to approve Member Kavasseri as Fargo Youth Initiative Chairperson for 2022. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Member Attia moved to approve Member Chakua as Fargo Youth Initiative Vice Chairperson for 2022. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4. Subcommittee Updates
Discussion was held regarding highlights from subcommittee meetings over the past months with Dr. Tamara Uselman, Fargo Public Schools' Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Jen Sahr, Fargo Public Schools' Multi-Tier System of Supports Coordinator; and Alicia Belay and Ruth Nwatu of the North Dakota Department of Health's Health Equity Office.

Item 5. Recruitment
Assistant Planner Christie noted that per bylaws, the application for Fargo Youth Initiative will be open from March 1 through April 1. Discussion was had regarding ease of application and questions and members determined to keep as is. Members volunteered to help share application at their respective schools through announcements and related channels.

Item 6. Spring Event
Discussion was held regarding desire for large multi-school event similar to Impact Fargo in years past or a mayoral candidate forum. Members agreed it may be good to consider but attendance may be a concern.

Item 7. Island Park Master Plan
Assistant Planner Christie noted the Fargo Parks District recently began a master planning project for Island Park and students can submit their feedback via an online public engagement website. Member Abbott noted that the park could be improved by better bleachers and more tables near the tennis courts. Member Chakua noted the park could be improved by more stationary workout equipment as well as more year-round programming for youth such as large group games.

Item 8. Staff Report
Assistant Planner Christie noted the Fargo Arts and Culture Commission recently opened its Call for Public Art Projects. Applications are due on March 18, 2022. More information can be found at www.FargoND.gov/CallForPublicArtProjects.

Item 7. Adjourn
The time of adjournment was 1:45 p.m.