FARGO YOUTH INITIATIVE
MINUTES

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

The Regular Meeting of the Fargo Youth Initiative Members of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Meadowlark Room of Fargo City Hall at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 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
Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie welcomed Members to the meeting.

Item 2. Review Application Questions
Discussion was had regarding simplifying application questions to encourage more applications. Members agreed by consensus to change wording of one question and allow it to be optional.

Item 3. Subcommittee Updates
Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie encouraged members to review meeting notes from recent discussions with Fargo Public Schools staff related to racial equity and mental health.

Members discussed Black History Month efforts at their schools and will provide feedback to Dr. Uselman.

Members discussed challenges unique to their schools related to mental health as well as school culture in general. Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie said Melissa Markegard is the new Fargo Cass Public Health Mental Health Coordinator and is interested in collaborating with Fargo Youth Initiative.

Item 4. Spring Event
Chair Kavasseri shared an idea for a plant sale or giveaway to raise awareness about Fargo Youth Initiative. It was suggested to offer a plant in exchange for youth feedback to provide the City.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie provided an update that the Fargo Youth Initiative will not be able to host a panel of mayoral or commission candidates.

Item 5. Adjourn
The time of adjournment was 1:45 p.m.