FARGO YOUTH INITIATIVE
MINUTES

Regular Meeting: **Sunday, November 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, November 13, 2022.

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

Present: Patrick Shen, Angel Mochage, Michael Vasichek, Natalie Evensen, Madeline Abbott, Abhijna Kavasseri, Jadyn Chakua

Absent: Anna French

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

Item 2. Overview of Fargo Youth Initiative
Chair Kavasseri provided an overview of the Fargo Youth Initiative, including its current two subcommittees and the annual Impact Fargo event which was done for several years in the past.

Item 3. Subcommittee Updates
Members provided an update on the Racial Equity Subcommittee's current projects including supporting youth engagement with the city's MLK Day celebration on January 16, 2023 and enhancing Black History Month programming in schools. Ideas were brainstormed for both projects.

Members provided an update on the Mental Health Subcommittee's plans to pursue project to enhance mental health screenings at high school level.

Item 4. Priority Youth Issues
Discussion was held regarding several issues currently concerning Fargo youth and which to focus on this year. Topics included substance abuse, mental health, civic engagement, safe and accessible things to do and places to hang out, poverty, homelessness, inclusion of New Americans, racism, and others.

Members agreed to invite stakeholders to future meetings to learn more about these various issues and provide feedback from a youth perspective.

Item 5. Adjourn
The time of adjournment was 2:30 p.m.