

**Capital Region watershed district plan. Project charter for Payne Phalen.**

- Inventory of parcels of natural spaces/parcels and potential natural spaces/parcels
- Management goals/strategies - our district plan would inform these strategies
  - Landowner cooperation
  - Education
  - Acquisition
  - Policy development
- The watershed district approached PPCC and Dayton's Bluff to assist with their plans/strategies. It is required due to a high priority watershed district being located in PPCC and Dayton's Bluff.
- Must be completed during the growing season which is 2023. Field work before Labor Day and completion this fall.

Motion to approve as a cooperative project and direction to enter into a collaborative.

Patricia motioned, Rebecca seconded.

**St. Paul downtown airport Annual Sound Study**

- Local airport authority
- Airport advisory council - Damien is on the council
- Annual sound study with monitoring equipment in depth overview of noise metrics. Studies began in 2007 and represent 7 days of data collection. A monitor is placed in each district 1-6.
- Aviation Environmental Sound Tool is a modeling tool that determines the number of events produced by aircraft versus community noise events such as a lawnmower.
- FAA regulates aviation impact
- FAA will likely update metrics
- Metroairports.org has events coming up for education on aviation

**Urban Design - new public plaza at Salvation Army**

- The Salvation Army owns a couple lots west of their building at Lawson and Payne Ave and they would like to develop a park shelter with a farmer's market. The goal is to create a community resource. All contingent on fundraising.
- The next step is to submit the site plan to the city. It is possible to begin construction this fall and finish construction next spring 2024.

Motion to provide a letter of support to the city by Lynette seconded by Justine. Damian would like to make sure there is community input by the closest neighbors. Reier has concerns about a private park and public access. Any concerns about the park should go through Jack.

**Land Use - application for rezone and variance for a garden center business 627/629  
Bush**

- Along the train tracks and active railway to bring a landscape architecture business to the eastside including gravel, mulch, soil and possibly plants if the variance can be secured. Kingscapes also does a lot of design and concrete work.
- Want to rezone the entire space to one zone rather than the current three zones. They have secured 70% of the neighbors' signatures. They are seeking a letter of recommendation from the council. Janey motioned and Emma seconded.

**Progress Report Story Circles Phase 2**

- A successful story circle at CLUES in Spanish was conducted yesterday. Will continue to host story circles while the plan is being created to get into the Karen, Somali, Juneteenth, and Hmong communities.

**Other Business, announcements and updates**

- Janey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Julia seconded.
- PPCC is part of a collaboration of entities that received an award for community engagement from the federal government to extend the Evie Car network into the east side.
- Patricia suggests having naran on hand at the office.
- A letter of support is sought for the China Garden at Phalen Lake from Bill Zajicek.