PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
February 15, 2008 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Mike and Linda Ryan, Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Clare Duda (Douglas County Board), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Paul Woodward (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Phil Young (IMS), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), John Winkler (PMRNRD), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), and Mark Stursma (Papillion)

Purpose

A meeting of the Partnership was held on the above date in order to discuss topics stated in the attached agenda. The meeting began at approximately 10:10 AM.

1. Introductions

- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) opened the meeting and an agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Watershed Studies

- *Public Outreach and Involvement - Media*
  Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) gave an update on the ongoing media outreach. The open house posters were distributed to Partnership members at the Erosion Control Seminar and copies were passed around for members to take and post in public locations. It was discussed that the PMRNRD would also email the open house poster to a list of individuals who had attended past partnership meetings and those who signed up for notification at the West Papio Flood Map Open House. Each Monday, public notices will be posted in the Omaha World Herald for the three weeks of the open houses.

  Phil Young (IMS) noted that they are moving forward with contacting KFAB, KKAR and the four news stations to let them know about the Stage IV results and the public meetings.

  The group viewed the Virtual Forum that was set up by Jim Kee on the Partnership website. It was suggested to change the title of the webpage to "Virtual Open House" so that it is not misleading as a chat site.

- *Public Outreach and Involvement- Stage IV Results*

  The draft result fact sheet was distributed to the group. A printout of the final display was also handed out. Mike Ryan indicated that he does not feel the cost for LID represented in the handouts is accurate. The group discussed what was included in the costs and that the costs represented were differential costs of conventional development vs LID development. Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director) asked for a breakdown of the $443 million of LID costs. Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) stated that she did not have that information with her but that it would be included in the study.

- *Public Forum Meeting Details*
  Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) passed around a signup sheet for the public meetings and indicated that there is still a need for partnership volunteers to man the displays. A packet of information was handed out to the individuals working at the Feb 19th meeting. This packet included contact information along with other pertinent information for people working at the meetings.

3. NPDES Compliance

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) and Kent Holm (Douglas County) gave the group an update on the LB 1226 projects. A video presentation of the proposed Cole Creek restoration project was reviewed. Pawnee wetland is expecting its 404 permit soon and construction is expected to start in the spring. The Douglas County Health Center bids were awarded for the rainwater collection system. Grading is ongoing at Saddlebrook and cameras are posted so that the progression of the green roof construction can be documented. The green roof is expected to be in place in the fall.

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) informed the group that the Smartgrowth Conference will be June 5th. Most everyone should have received the save the date by now. Check with Nina if you did not and are interested. The presenters will be EPA Headquarters, EPA Region VII, 2 Consultants, and the Center for Watershed Protection. This will be held at the Scott Center and the registration fee will be about $100.

- Kent Holm (Douglas County) will be organizing the initial committee meeting for green roof policies and regulations. February 28th is the date for Green Roof 101 being held at UNO. Check out the website for Green Roof for Healthy Cities (www.greenroofs.org).

- Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension) noted that the Extension office has information available for the public on rain gardens and other low impact development. You can contact the Extension office at 444-7804 or on line at www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu.

4. Legislation

- LB 534 is still in committee. Omaha has a conference call coming up on the topic.

- LB 880 was voted by the Natural Resources Committee to advance this week with three amendments. John Winkler discussed the amendments.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Mark Stursma (Papillion) noted concern that there is not a legal way to enforce the preliminary flood insurance maps in the West Papillion Creek watershed until the maps are adopted sometime in 2009. It was determined by the group that a draft of a resolution or ordinance be presented at the next Partnership meeting to allow communities to use the preliminary maps as best available data for regulation purposes.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

Please contact Amanda Grint at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.