PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
March 20, 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: Paul Woodward (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Dave Petrocchi (Bellevue), Jim Kee (Omaha), Phil Young (IMS), Marty Grate (Omaha), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2MHILL), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Mike and Linda Ryan, Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Board), Clare Duda (Douglas County Commissioner), and Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington)

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 10:05 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

- *Stage IV Technical Evaluation (HDR)*
  Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) gave a recap of the ongoing watershed study and presented the the example watershed plan which was modeled after input from the public meetings and discussion at last month's meeting. The potential plan recommends water quality LID be implemented everywhere in the watershed along with 10 regional detention basins and 12 water quality basins. All other areas not upstream of an existing or proposed regional detention site were shown as using maximum LID.

  The results of the modeling effort demonstrated that the combination plan provides even more reduction in peak flows than either Maximum LID or Regional Detention alone and offers water quality benefits for all areas of the watershed.

  The Partnership discussed whether FEMA would acknowledge the flood reduction benefits of LID practices when remapping floodplains. Recent research by HDR concluded that it may be possible to consider flood flow reductions with LID practices. However, both regional detention or Maximum LID must exist at the time of remapping in order to be considered in the hydrologic analysis, otherwise a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) could be completed at a later date. This led to a

discussion on the timing of implementing maximum LID and regional detention and how they might affect future floodplains. It was noted that there is still a need to provide a comfort level to the downstream partners that flood control will be effective and will alleviate current and future problems. Dave Petrocchi (Bellevue) explained that with maximum LID there is still an uncertainty of performance and timing.

Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that the upcoming schedule includes an April 3rd subcommittee meeting to begin dialogue on necessary changes to the storm water policies. The next Partnership meeting will be April 10th and Tom Price with CDF will be attending to discuss the LID cost breakdown. Both the subcommittee and the next Partnership meetings will begin at 9:00 AM to allow for some extra discussion time. Joe Soucie (La Vista) asked that an example of a maintenance agreement be provided for detention and LID practices so that he can review prior to making decisions on their reliability.

There was a discussion of the items left in the HDR contract; including a cost estimate for the combination watershed plan.

- *Public Outreach and Involvement Update*

  Phil Young (IMS) noted that the public outreach summary and the public forum summary had been completed and handed out to the group. In completing the summary of public involvement, he stated that it appears the general public is still not grasping the magnitude and the need for change. Questions or comments on the reports will be accepted for the next two weeks, please send to Amanda Grint or Paul Woodward (PMRNRD).

3. NPDES Compliance

- *Storm water Ordinance Amendment (Omaha)*

  Marty Grate (Omaha) provided an ordinance amendment to control the first half inch of storm water runoff for water quality improvement. He stated that he believes it is necessary to get something in the ordinance so that we can move forward with the goals of the Partnership. Please send any comments on the ordinance amendment to Marty in the next two weeks.

- *Draft Annual Reports (Omaha and Douglas County)*

  Kent Holm (Douglas County) has provided the Draft Annual Reports to the Partnership community members. He noted that areas highlighted in yellow may be specific to Douglas County and communities should check that text in case they would like to modify. Kent has made some minor modifications and the report will be resent to the Partnership members. Annual reports from all NPDES communities are due April 1st.

4. Legislation

- Marty Grate (Omaha) reported that LB 534, legislation to allow for the formation of local stormwater utility fees, was killed for the 6th straight year.

- LB 880 is possibly up for discussion next week. John Winkler (P-MRNRD) explained that many of the concerns raised by the opposition had been addressed and that the continued support of individual cities and counties was important.

5. Other Items of Interest

- *Use of Draft Floodplain Maps as Best Available Data*

  An amendment is being proposed in the City of Papillion that requires any projects within the revised floodplain or floodway (from preliminary maps) be approved by City Council prior to issuing any building or grading permits. This would help the community to prevent an adverse affect of fill in the floodway before the maps become effective. Every community is urged to consider the use of best available floodplain information so that buildings built today aren't at a higher risk in the future. Draft language for an amendment was handed out and any comments or questions concerning the amendment should be addressed to Paul Woodward (PMRNRD).

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 9:00 AM at the NRD office. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 9:00 AM also 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.