PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
June 26, 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), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Paul Dierking (HDR), John Winkler (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), James Kee (Omaha), Marcus Baker (LaVista), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M HILL), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), Travis Gifford (Hearthstone Homes), Mike and Linda Ryan, Shawn Melotz, Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Barb Frolich (Douglas County), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Karen Klein (Omaha), Jeff Elliott (E&A Consulting), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Gerry Bowen (PMRNRD), Todd Engle (Kuehl Capital), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Randy Lenhoff (Seldin Company), and Gerald Torzon (BHI)

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

- Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) opened the meeting and an agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed.

2. Watershed Studies

- *Proposed Watershed Plan Update (HDR)*
  Paul Dierking (HDR) gave a brief update on the watershed management plans. Plan A is the plan that the group has seen at previous Partnership meetings. Plan B has eliminated some areas of maximum LID at the southern portion of the watershed because they do not have a large peak flow reduction benefit for the cost, those areas will have water quality LID only. Plan C also eliminates the maximum LID areas and also incorporates the priority level 2 regional basins. The subcommittee has chosen to go with Plan C with the knowledge that the watershed management plan is a work in progress and changes can be made in the future. The subcommittee also realized that the funding would require the plan to be broken into incremental timeframes.

  Lyle Christensen (HDR) went over the costs and noted that the timeframes were modeled after the City of Omaha sewer master plan which looks at an initial three year period then projects development in larger time increments through 2050. From the maps provided it can be seen that in the year 2050 there is still large areas of Washington County, and some areas

in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, that are not built out. This affects the cash flow and financing as well as the flood control realized. Lyle also noted that the small changes shown between Plans A, B, and C don't result in much change in the total cost, therefore, trying to cut items from the plan won't save much money and would ultimately lead to a less effective and less beneficial plan.

Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that the subcommittee has decided that the current focus of the Partnership should be on getting the water quality ordinance passed in Omaha and the other communities. That process is expected to take five to six months. In that time, the Partnership should continue to work on the policies, financing and watershed management plan. HDR is still working on preparing a draft report of the Stage IV results to date and will be providing updates of the Water Quality analysis at upcoming Partnership meetings.

- *Stormwater Ordinance Amendment and Workshop (Omaha)*
  Jim Kee (Omaha) noted that the amended stormwater ordinance is scheduled for consideration by the Omaha City Council in mid to late July and should be approved in August or September. He noted that this requirement to control the first ½ inch of stormwater runoff would apply to new development and significant redevelopment. Jim will post the proposed stormwater ordinance to the Partnership website. It was requested that the Council meeting dates with the stormwater ordinance on the agenda be posted on the Partnership website. Jim also noted that the City is hosting a workshop mainly for developers and engineers on the requirements of the proposed ordinance. This will be held from 8 AM – 12 PM on September 25th at the Douglas/Sarpy Extension office.

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- *Discuss Stormwater Management Policy Issues (All)*
  The stormwater policies were distributed and Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) gave a brief update and noted that the red notes are revisions, the green notes are additions to the policies and the blue text is new comments and discussion points. Mike Ryan noted that the presence of himself and Shawn Melotz at the Partnership meetings should not be construed as acceptance of the stormwater policies on behalf of Douglas/Washington County. It was noted by the group that once the policies are completed and agreed upon by the Partnership, a joint meeting between the Douglas/Washington County workgroup and the Partnership could be held to go over the proposed policies before they are taken to each community for adoption sometime next year.

3. NPDES Compliance

- *Ongoing State Stormwater Grant Projects Workshop (Omaha)*
  Jim Kee (Omaha) updated the group on the progress of the rain gardens and bioswales at Under the Sink and Saddlebrook. Recent rains have delayed some of the work, but both projects are currently underway and things are moving forward.

- *Upcoming Educational Events*

  Keep Omaha Beautiful will have a booth at the Fall Home and Garden Show this year. They have agreed to distribute some of the Partnership materials and so there may be a need for Partnership volunteers to work the booth. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

4. Watershed Fund Update

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) reminded the Partnership members that there were a few outstanding invoices for contribution. At next month's Partnership meeting a cost summary and budget for the Partnership will be provided.

5. Other Items of Interest

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.
- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 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.

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