PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
May 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: Gerry Bowen (PMRNRD), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Ernie Aberiotes (Washington County), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Mike and Linda Ryan, Marian Maas, Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Board), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Paul Woodward (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Paul Dierking (HDR), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Karen Klein (Omaha), James Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Travis Gifford (Hearthstone Homes), Bob Doyle (Fullenkamp Doyle), Neil Smith (Hearthstone Homes), John Fullenkamp (Fullenkamp Doyle), Mark Porath (NE Game and Parks), Doug Dreessen (TD2), Craig Mielke (Olsson Assoc), Selma Kessler (Olsson Assoc), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M HILL), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Mark Westergard (E&A Consulting), John Winkler (PMRNRD), and Rick Wilson (USGS)

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 10:15 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

- *Proposed Watershed Plan Summary (HDR)*
  Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) gave an overview of an example Watershed Management Plan implementation schedule (handout). She indicated that this is a first draft and that projects could slide around based on funding and the community's priority. Input is being solicited from Partnership members on this priority list. The list was put together by a flood control priority ranking while taking in to account the zones of development as the communities grow. When a development zone encroaches on a proposed regional basin (determined from the Omaha's Master Plan), it was included in that timeframe.

- *Discuss Potential Funding Framework for Watershed Plan (HDR)*
  Paul Dierking (HDR) reviewed an example financing plan needed to fund both Maximum LID and regional detention. He noted that the initial project costs exceed the funding

available and to make up the difference you would need additional upfront funds either from city and county budgets or higher fees for the private sector.

There was discussion among the group about the density per acre used in the population projection calculations. Lyle Christensen (HDR) noted that 4.26 lots/buildable acre was used compared to the 3.4 lots/gross acre that was used in earlier examples. This calculates to an estimated fee of $1200/lot for the private sector. NRD bonding was discussed and it was noted that the example did not take bond financing into account, however, it could be used to spread costs out during each time period.

Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) asked the group to consider if the 1/3 private cost, 2/3 public cost is the right split for this plan. Also, should the public funds contribute to regional and on- site detention. Mike Ryan asked why the developers are not bearing the total cost of the maximum LID including on site detention. Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) and Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) noted that our plan proposes to reduce peak flows, not match existing, and this is a benefit to everyone in the watershed, not just each development.

There was further discussion on whether the cost of LID will save the developers money. Doug Dreessen (TD2) noted that we must be careful not to assume what works in one location will work in this location. Doug Dreessen (TD2) noted that the engineering community is still questioning permeable paving and needs more information to get behind this practice. Selma Kessler (Olsson Assoc) stated that many of the communities that have been brought up in discussions have stormwater fees and the Omaha area does not. These are all factors to consider when making policy decisions.

- *Discuss Stormwater Management Policy Changes (All)*

The comments on the policies from last month's meeting were distributed and the original policies were posted on the projector. Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) led the discussion.

Policy #1 - Peak Flow Reduction: Joe Soucie (La Vista) asked if flow reduction is measured on a development level or lot level. Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that it was on a development level. Paul also added that perhaps language should be added to say that only BMPs in public right-of-way would count toward Maximum LID. Clare Duda (Douglas County) asked if more than one detention basin would be need for each development. It was noted that each development would potentially require a basin at each discharge point.

Policy #2 – Water Quality Improvements: Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) described the changes and no comments were made.

Policy #3 – Landscape Preservation, Restoration, and Conservation: Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M HILL) noted that a consistent method for assessment should be included in the design manual for creek setback determination. The use of an exemption for stabilized creek segments was also discussed and it was determined that either the exemption should be removed or 50 foot should be used consistently.

Policy #4 – Erosion and Sediment Control: No changes were previously made and there were no new comments.

Policy #5 – Floodplain Management: No adverse impact was discussed and should be defined. It was noted that stream restoration projects can cause a rise in flood elevation which may adversely impact potential projects. There will also need to be provisions for other infrastructure, like streets and sewers. Mark Stursma (Papillion) stated that his Council would have a hard time adopting a no-rise requirement at present. Lucas Billesbach (JEO/ Bennington) stated that Bennington's position is that policies should be flexible for each community and that they will likely not adopt any policies that completely restrict development in the floodplain.

Policy #6 – Stormwater Management Financing: Comments previously noted in earlier discussions will be addressed.

Comments will be accepted on all policies until the next meeting.

3. NPDES Compliance

- *Storm water Ordinance Amendment and Workshop (Omaha)*

Marty Grate (Omaha) told the group that the ordinance to control the first ½ inch of runoff is scheduled to go before the Omaha Planning Commission the first week of June and City Council sometime in July. Nina Cudahy (Omaha) announced that Omaha is hosting a workshop in conjunction with the NRD and Olsson Associates for developers and engineers on the ordinance. Selma Kessler (Olsson Assoc) distributed a draft agenda for the workshop. The date for the workshop is September 25,2008 at the Douglas/Sarpy Extension office. More details will follow. If anyone has questions or would like to see a certain topic covered please contact Selma Kessler at Olsson Associates.

4. Watershed Fund Update

Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that the bills for the Partnership have been distributed and are due at the end of June.

5. Other Items of Interest

- *Carter Lake Watershed Management Plan (Omaha and OA)*

Pat Slaven (Omaha) gave a brief presentation on the Carter Lake Watershed Management Plan. Several treatments and preventative measures are part of the overall plan to restore Carter Lake. Treatments include an overall alum application, alum injection for the storm water, no wake zones, fertilizer and pet waste management, etc. The plan to address water quality is costly and is estimated at $10 million dollars. Outside of the watershed management plan there is a proposed project to "fill the lake in 2008"..

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26 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.

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