PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
October 30, 2008 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Lower Level Conference Room
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Kent Holm (Douglas County), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Marty Grate (Omaha), Jeff Roberts (Bellevue), Bobbi Holm (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Mike and Linda Ryan, Shawn Melotz, Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Douglas Dreessen (TD2), Lucas Billesbach (JEO-Bennington), Todd Engle (Kuehl Capital), Barbara Wickman-Byrd (MOBA), Paul Mullen (MAPA), Kay Liang (Papillion), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Gerry Bowen (PMRNRD), Mike Sotak (Tetra Tech), Terry Atkins (Lamp Rynearson), Bob Sink (CH2M Hill), Paul Dierking (HDR), John Dickerson (Investors Realty), Jeff Keating (PDM, Inc), Randy Lenhoff (Seldin Co.), Marian Maas, and Karen Klein (Omaha)

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

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) opened the meeting by inviting everyone to introduce themselves.

2. NPDES Permit Compliance

- *EPA Stormwater Program Review Discussion (All)*
  Kent Holm led the discussion on an EPA report titled "Urban Stormwater Management in the United States". The report in brief was handed out to the group. This report summarizes the challenges involved in regulating stormwater discharges and the need to do so. A case is made in the report for a watershed permitting structure and the report discusses different approaches to manage stormwater namely conserving natural areas, reducing hard surface cover and retrofitting urban areas with features to hold and treat stormwater. These actions, when properly designed and maintained reduce runoff volume and peak flows as well as remove pollutants. It was discussed that the Partnership is ahead of most communities in the fact that we have been working together to develop a watershed plan for years. Kent noted that the Partnership could have the potential to be an EPA pilot program for watershed permitting and we should keep this information in mind as we move in to a new interlocal

agreement. It was noted that NDEQ is also very interested in watershed based permitting but there is no direction from them at this time. The group had discussion on the volume reduction and pollutant removal benefits of water quality low impact development techniques. Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director) noted that Jim Leer had a newshour on PBS that was interesting and discussed the efforts that Washington State is making to protect their streams. The story is titled "Polluted Rain Runoff Poses Threat to Water Systems" and can be found at the link listed below.
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/environment/july-dec08/runoff_10-08.html

- *Stormwater Ordinance Amendment Update (All)*
  A schedule for adoption was distributed and the group noted any changes. Bennington reported that they plan to bring the amendment to their Board at the next meeting but it is not yet scheduled. La Vista plans to bring the amendment to Planning Commission on November 18th. Boys Town has adopted and approved the stormwater amendment.

3. Watershed Management Plan Update (HDR)

- *Stage IV Study – Summary of MOBA meeting*
  Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) noted that Metro Omaha Builders Association (MOBA) had invited the Partnership to meet with them to discuss their concerns and ask questions regarding the watershed plan. This meeting was held on October 20th at MOBA offices. Paul Dierking (HDR) discussed the presentation that was made to MOBA and reviewed the slides with the group. He then explained the cost and fee breakdown for the proposed plan. The group then reviewed the letter that MOBA sent to the Partnership as a result of the October 20th meeting. The letter states that water quality is being addressed in the current stormwater ordinance and that flood prevention is another issue. MOBA and Eastern Nebraska Development Council (ENDC) expressed their concern of Maximum LID in the letter. Several reasons were cited for not being able to support Maximum LID as a flood control alternative. These reasons include increased cost of stormwater impact by 200-500%, disruption of growth patterns and reduction in tax base, increased infrastructure costs, and decreased density. The group discussed the potential of removing Maximum LID in Douglas and Sarpy Counties and leaving Maximum LID in Washington County. Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted that the Maximum LID in Douglas County is shown in areas which are the headwaters of the streams. We have the opportunity in those areas to use more conservation design to preserve and enhance those streams. Kent noted that he does not want to see the Maximum LID taken out of Douglas County without further review. It was discussed that for stream protection, a no net increase in peak discharge for the 2 year storm event is critical and is what was proposed by CDF in addition to the control of the first half inch of stormwater runoff. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that an in-between option could be to look at regional detention basins where appropriate and no net increase in areas not protected by regional detention.

- *Discussion on Schedule for Adoption of Watershed Management Pan and Policies*
  It was noted that the Partnership would like to take a watershed plan and policies to elected officials again in early 2009 for consideration. The policies will be discussed again at upcoming Partnership meetings.

5. Other Items of Interest

The 2009 Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar will be held on February 4th at the Holiday Inn Central from 8:30am – 12 pm.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office. The next Partnership Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 10:00 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.

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