

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting January 14, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Marty Leming (Papillion), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Cynthia Timmermier, Mike Ryan, Clare Duda (Douglas County), Paul Dierking (HDR), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Bobbi Holm (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Lori Laster (PMRNRD), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Jeff Roberts (Bellevue), Jim Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (Bennington), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Karen Klein (Omaha), Barbara Byrd (MOBA), Blayne Renner (NDEQ), Marian Maas, Jeff Elliott (E&A Consulting), and Mark Westergard (E&A Consulting)

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 9:05 AM.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) started the meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Discussion on Watershed Management Plan and Stormwater Policies (All)

➤ *Stage IV Study Update and Executive Summary Review*

The agenda was rearranged to first discuss the Executive Summary of the Stage IV Study. Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) gave a review of the Executive Summary by discussing the two major components of the Watershed Management Plan, the water quality component and the flood control component. The summary reviews the background and purpose in developing a watershed management plan as well as outlining the different alternatives that were analyzed. The plan includes localized low impact development to control the first one half inch of stormwater runoff and to provide no net increase in peak flows from a 2 year storm event. These objectives should be applied to all new and significant redevelopment along with water quality basins, as shown on the plan, are the two elements that make up the water quality component of the Watershed Management Plan. Fifteen regional detention basins are shown on the Watershed Management Plan as the flood control component. The group discussed the items on page E-15 which listed several reasons that Plan D was chosen as the



Watershed Management Plan. Mark Stursma (Papillion) noted that LID used in terms of flood control is not recognized by FEMA and that was one of the deciding factors in Papillion supporting Plan D. The group discussed the idea that the Watershed Management Plan would be reviewed and re evaluated every 3 years and that this would be done through an addendum to the PCWP interlocal agreement. It was noted that a bullet point on page E-16 needed to be revised to reference the actual Douglas/Washington County Stormwater Policy guidelines, there was an error in the statement. Comments on the Draft Executive Summary are due to Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) by January 23rd.

➤ *Discussion on Watershed Management Plan and Policies*

The group discussed the stormwater policies. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) reviewed the comments that were presented during the last meeting. On Policy #1 Water Quality, it was determined that the word “current” should not be added to the text in reference to the Watershed Management Plan because the Plan will be adopted with the policies. Also, it was decided that a release rate should not be added to the Water Quality Definition (control the first half inch of stormwater runoff) because that sort of design detail should be in the Omaha Stormwater Manual and not in the policies. The last proposed comment on Policy #1 was to change the wording in the definition of Water Quality LID to eliminate the wording to control stormwater at each outlet or discharge point on the site. It was determined that in most cases stormwater should be controlled at each discharge point and if an instance should occur where two discharge points are relatively close on the same stream segment then that requirement could potentially be waived administratively and no change to the wording is necessary. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) asked the group if they had any objection to proceeding with the stormwater policies as proposed. Mike and Linda Ryan noted their objection.

Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) asked the partners if there was objection to presenting Plan D as the recommended Watershed Management Plan to elected officials. Mike Ryan and Clare Duda (Douglas County) noted their objection. Clare Duda stated that Douglas County is not on board with this plan and he noted that the objection to PMRNRD bonding authority is the main issue. Mike Ryan noted that the adopted Douglas/Washington County Stormwater Policies are not close to the Partnership’s proposed policies and that the group should assume that Douglas/Washington County will have issues with them. Marian Maas stated that the Douglas/Washington County committee highly supports the low impact development principles which she does not believe is reflected in the Partnership’s policies.

3. NPDES Permit Compliance

➤ *Storm Water Management Plan for NPDES Permit Renewal*

The group reviewed and discussed the Storm Water Management Plan for the Phase 2 community’s to submit with their intent to renew their NPDES permit. The intent to renew must be submitted 180 days prior to permit expiration which translates in to submittal by the end of January. The group discussed how the intent should be submitted and it was determined that a letter format notifying NDEQ of the intent to renew along with a copy of the Storm Water Management Plan should be submitted. Nina Cudahy (Omaha) will send Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) a copy of the letter Omaha used and a template can be created to send to all the Partnership members. Nina also noted that we will want to be sure to write that our new permit annual report will be submitted by April 1st of each year to correspond with Omaha’s permit.

The group used the template that Omaha had prepared and began by eliminating the items that were specific to Omaha. Also, it was noted for each item if the applicant (Phase 2 community) alone or the applicant as a member of the Partnership would address the item, this should help with the reporting process. New tasks in this permit cycle included utilizing cooperative efforts of the Lower Platte Weed Management Area to address water quality issues and to develop a SWPPP for each maintenance facility within the community. A task was revised in the Post Construction Runoff Control element to improve planning and site design to utilize non structural BMPs. Additionally, the site monitoring locations for the City of Omaha have changed and therefore that information was updated in the Phase 2 community's plan as well.

➤ *Update on Stormwater Ordinance Amendment*

The group gave updates on their community's progress with the stormwater ordinance amendment. To date, Omaha, Boys Town, Bellevue, Papillion, and Sarpy County have adopted the ordinance. La Vista will be bringing the ordinance to Planning Commission is the first week of February. Gretna has a final reading in January. Ralston noted that the ordinance amendment is under review by the City attorney. Bennington has reviewed the ordinance amendment but has not been brought for their consideration yet. Douglas County noted that they have put the ordinance amendment on hold as they prepare to bring in a consultant to take a comprehensive look at all their zoning and stormwater management regulations. They noted that they intend to adopt an ordinance that is at least as stringent as the one proposed by the Partnership. It was noted that a guidance document for a Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan is posted to the PCWP website and that the City of Omaha is working toward having a web based system similar to the erosion and sediment control website.

4. Discussion on Upcoming Elected Officials Meeting

It was noted that February 14th from 9:00 am – Noon at the Scott Conference Center will be the Public Officials meeting. The format was discussed briefly and details will be planned at the January 30th Subcommittee meeting.

5. Other Items of Interest

Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that the NDEQ grant funds are available this year only and it has not been determined if funding will be available beyond this year. Marty also informed the group that there is currently no storm water utility fee being presented as a bill for this year.

Bills for the Partnership and a fund update will be presented at the next Partnership meeting. The interlocal agreement will also need to be addressed at the next meeting.

February 4th is the Erosion and Sediment Control Seminar from 8AM-Noon at the Holiday Inn Central. Please RSVP to Bobbi Holm (Douglas/Sarpy Extension) if interested. The Partnership will have a booth at the seminar.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 10:00 AM at the NRD office. The Subcommittee will meet on January 30th to finalize details for the Public Officials workshop.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM. 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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