PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Meeting
June 12, 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: Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Jerry Hare (Bellevue), Chris Shewchuk (Bellevue), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Karen Klein (Omaha), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Paul Woodward (PMRNRD), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marty Grate (Omaha), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Jim Kee (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Paul Dierking (HDR), and Lyle Christensen (HDR)

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

- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) opened the meeting and an agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves. Marlin informed the group that approximately 2.5 inches of rain fell the previous night and updated the group on the flooding that occurred.

2. Watershed Studies

- *Watershed Management Plan Discussion (All)*
  Robert Hayes (Boys Town) asked if regulatory requirements were going to require Washington County to do something with flood control. It was noted that their current policies do require a reduction in peak flows. It is not known if or how that policy will be enforced.

  The group looked at three watershed management plan scenarios with costs. Paul Dierking (HDR) led the discussion on the differences between Plans A, B and C. Plan A is the watershed management plan that has been distributed to the group several times. Plan B has eliminated some areas of maximum LID in the southern, lower portion of the watershed. It had been determined that these areas did not produce a significant reduction in peak flows, therefore only the water quality LID would be required. Plan C includes the previously described reduction in maximum LID and also adds four regional detention sites (level 2 priority) to the plan. The group had a discussion on these plans and the communities were

asked to consider the options. Does the community want to own and maintain on site detention (as part of maximum LID)? Does the community want regional detention because it would provide flood control benefits immediately after construction or because they want a park/recreation site? The reason that regional basins were added in Plan C was because maximum LID can be applied to an area that had originally been planned as regional detention, but if an area is planned maximum LID and a planning department allows development then the opportunity to construct a regional detention site would be lost. The costs for the three scenarios range from $922 million to $1 billion, with inflation through the year 2050. As discussed at the last Partnership meeting, there is a need for outside funding in the form of additional mill levy by the PMRNRD or local jurisdiction contribution through bonding, etc. in order for the cash flow to balance. There are many tough issues and decisions facing the communities. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that based on his initial review of the plan, it is preferable to maximize the use of regional detention where it is technically and politically acceptable. The Partnership realizes that the watershed management plan is a work in progress and that the most technically sound and beneficial plan should be pursued.

The group discussed the next steps to initiating the watershed management plan. It was decided that the current focus should be on the communities adopting the stormwater ordinance amendment that addresses water quality. While the efforts of the group are directed toward this first step, a series of maps could be put together to show how development over time will control the ability to install regional and water quality basin projects. HDR will put these together these maps and they will be modeled after the sewer master plan. This allows the group to look at the financing in incremental time frames and assess feasibility. It was determined that HDR should prepare a draft study report for Stage IV and leave it open until after the Omaha stormwater ordinance has been passed. Paul Woodward noted that this group may want to meet with the City of Omaha sewer master plan group to review zoning and present development areas.

The work items are to develop maps showing the watershed management plan as it relates to development over specified time frames and provide those at the Partnership meeting. A meeting should be set up to coordinate the watershed management plan and sewer master plan. HDR will complete a draft report which will likely complete the current contract with HDR. Additional work that may start in the fall with financing and a short term watershed management plan would require a new or amended contract.

- *Discuss Stormwater Management Policy Changes (All)*
  The policies were revised with additional comments and discussion points noted in blue. Everyone was asked to please review and the group will continue to discuss at the next Partnership meeting.

3. NPDES Compliance

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

  The amended stormwater ordinance is scheduled for consideration by the Omaha City Council in early July. A copy of the ordinance was handed out at the last Partnership

meeting and is available for anyone who would like to begin discussion with their local jurisdiction.

5. Other Items of Interest

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.