

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Meeting January 30, 2009 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Lyle Christensen (HDR), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Jim Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Scott Japp (PMRNRD Director), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), and Lori Laster (PMRNRD)

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 1:10 PM.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed.

2. NPDES Permit Compliance

➤ *Phase II Communities discussion application submission*

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) asked the group if anyone had any issues submitting the intent to renew for their NPDES permit. After the last Partnership meeting NDEQ approved a permit renewal application and so that document was substituted for the letter that the Partnership had planned to draft. The communities present, Sarpy, Douglas, and Boys Town noted that they had submitted the permit application. The group discussed a few items that had come up with only the urbanized areas of the county being under the permit and that even though the city or community has an ETJ, the county is still liable for any permit violations in the area between the city's corporate limit and a city's ETJ. It was noted that this was just a fault of the way the permit was written.

➤ *Jurisdictional Limits and Permit Coverage*

Within Douglas County, there are areas that are listed in the permit, but DC has no jurisdiction in those areas.

1. Watershed Management Plan Update (HDR)

- *Watershed Management Plan Executive Summary Discussion*



Lyle Christensen and Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) discussed changes that were made to the executive summary to incorporate comments received from PCWP members. It was noted that Section E.5.1, Maximum LID Concerns, should be moved to Section E.3.1 or E.3.3 as these sections discuss LID. An additional revision that was discussed was the developed acres used for Washington County LID in Table E-3. It should be noted that the area is not full build out and is a projection of what will be built by 2050 or full build out conditions should be used regardless of the timeframe. An error was noted in the example calculation in the financial framework. It was noted that the example will be updated using the commercial fee rather than the high density fee. The group discussed the financial considerations and it was noted that the executive summary had been revised to note that Washington and Douglas County were opposed to the PMRNRD bonding authority.

4. Watershed Management Plan and Policies

➤ *Policies*

Policy Group #2 wording was changed in Sub-Policy 1 to re-instate “Regional stormwater detention facilities” from the previous draft of the policies.

A cover sheet should be drafted to explain what the changes have been from the policies that have been adopted. An introductory paragraph and a bullet point list of the changes will be drafted and attached to the policies for distribution at the public officials workshop.

5. Upcoming Elected Officials Meeting

➤ *Visual Aids*

Three stations were discussed to be set up, one describing the Watershed, one describing the Implementation Plan, and one describing the Policies. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) also suggested a station should also be set up to demonstrate the current floodplain, the future floodplain, and the floodplain resulting from implementation of the Watershed Management Plan. Since Tom Price from CDF is planning to be at the meeting, it was determined that a station should be set up for individuals to ask questions regarding the water quality LID and other low impact development issues. A total of five stations will be set up. Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) will send an email to the Partnership members and assign two people to work each station.

➤ *Workshop Format*

There will be an open house from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. At 9:30, Marty Grate (Omaha) will give a half hour presentation. After the presentation, at approximately 10:00 am, public officials will be allowed to ask questions of the panel. The panel will be Partnership members and an HDR representative. Tom Price from CDF is planning to be at the meeting to answer technical questions on low impact development. A booth will be set up to allow the general public to submit written or electronic comments. Jim Kee (Omaha) will set up a database similar to the one used for the seven public meetings. The general public will not be allowed to ask questions during the public official Q&A, but will be able to talk with PCWP members during the open house.

➤ *Handout Materials*

The draft policies should be handed out at the workshop with a cover sheet explaining what has changed since the original policies were adopted. The executive summary will be available on the PCWP website, but will not be available as a handout. The agenda and any handouts will be posted on the PCWP website one week before the workshop. The Power Point presentation will be available after the workshop.

➤ *Presentation*

It was decided that Jim Thompson should announce the guidelines for the workshop during the welcome address. There should be a discussion of the policies that were adopted in 2006 and what has been changed since then. Marty Grate (Omaha) had made some revisions to the presentation and he and Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) were coordinating and incorporating comments.

6. Other Items of Interest

➤ *MOBA Letter*

A letter from Metro Omaha Builders Association was sent to the NRD commenting on the stormwater management policies. The letter will be discussed at the next meeting so a formal response can be drafted.

- It was noted that a copy of the TMDL reports for the Papillion Creek and the Elkhorn River basin were available for public comment. These reports on the NDEQ website and a link will be forwarded to the Partners.

➤ *Upcoming Events*

It was noted that an employee of Tetra Tech has volunteered to come speak to the Partnership on Sustainable Cities. This individual has worked extensively on the Kansas City Sustainable Cities program and this would be a good opportunity for the Partnership to hear more about this program. We will discuss at the next Partnership meeting when a good time would be.

7. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 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.