

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting May 31 Lyle Christensen, 2007 - 10:00 AM to Noon– Board Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Steve Wolf (IMS), David Goedecken (Bellevue), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Rick Houck (Sarpy County), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), and John Winkler (P-MRNRD)

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 10:05 AM.

1. Introductions

- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) opened the meeting and an agenda and sign-up sheet were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Watershed Studies

- Lyle Christensen (HDR) handed out and reviewed a summary sheet laying out “groundrules” for watershed modeling of Low Impact Development as recommended by Conservation Design Forum (CDF). He noted contract negotiations were still being worked out with CDF, but informed the group that the baseline for existing conditions hydrology modeling was well underway. Recent updates to future land use plans were discussed.
- Steve Wolf explained that interviews of Partnership representatives were being conducted. More interviews of elected officials were scheduled. Steve reinforced the need for one spokesperson and explained that Mark Wayne (Sarpy County) had agreed to serve in such a capacity. He also reviewed that this and many other details were being complied in the Public Outreach Plan. It was noted that a first draft would be provided to Partnership members via email as early as next week. Specifically, Mr. Wolf explained plans for outreach meetings and an Advisory Group should be closely reviewed.

New fact sheets and website recommendations from IMS were also reviewed. Any suggested revisions to the fact sheets or website need to be provided by June 15, 2007. Risk communication training for 25 Partnership members was also discussed. Dates decided for this training were June 28th and 29th. Steve Wolf (IMS) explained the importance of this training as Partnership members would be counted on to participate in outreach meetings and other public presentations.

A subcommittee communication team was formed to help review public outreach materials. Those volunteer members include: Marty Grate, Kent Holm, Nina Cudahy, Joe Soucie, Paul Woodward, Laurie Carrette Zook, and Mark Wayne.

3. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) reported on plans for Omaha and Douglas County to work together on projects such as the Pawnee Wetland site upstream of Cunningham Lake, Saddle Brook School, and other example LID efforts.

4. Legislation

- Marlin Petermann handed out two legislative resolutions (LR 113 and 94) which outline studies which will likely be conducted this summer and fall on statewide stormwater needs and Omaha area stormwater concerns.

5. Watershed Fund Update

- Paul Woodward handed out summaries of the Partnership's watershed fund and reported that annual contributions from all Partners were due by June 30, 2007.

6. Other Items of Interest

- Kent Holm (Douglas County) described a joint session of the Douglas and Washington County Board held on May 9, 2007 to receive public input on their proposed stormwater management policies. Paul Woodward handed out a copy of written comments provided by the Partnership which urged Douglas and Washington County to continue to work with the Partnership on a common stormwater plan.
- Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted that Douglas County was reviewing 5 proposals received to perform a stream assessment study.

7. Next Meeting Dates

- A Subcommittee meeting of the Communication Team was scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD. The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the NRD.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available to those members who were not present at the meeting upon request.

Please contact Paul Woodward at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.