

# **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Partnership Meeting October 18, 2007 - 9:00 to 11:00 AM– Lower Level Conference Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

#### Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Phil Young (IMS), Julie Ericson (ACG), Rich Lombardi (ACG), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Brain Lukasiewicz (La Vista), Dave Petrocchi (Bellevue), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Karen Klein (Omaha), Rick Edgerton (JEO/Bennington), Jeanne Eibes (Carter Lake), Dorothy Lanphier (P-MRNRD Board), Mike Ryan (Public), Linda Ryan (Public), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Gerry Bowen (P-MRNRD), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), John Winkler (P-MRNRD), and Marlin Petermann (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 9:10 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 copies of a slide show and presented an update on the preliminary results of the hydrologic and hydraulic modeling. He noted that there were still several iterations and assumptions that needed to be made before the representative basin for LID could be extrapolated to the remainder of the watershed. Lyle responded to questions during the presentation and there was discussion that followed the presentation. Paul Woodward addressed the schedule noting that near final results would need to be shared with the Partnership at their November meeting prior to finalizing materials and information for public forums. It was also discussed that public forums would need to be moved back from their tentative early November schedule to sometime in January 2008.
- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) reviewed recent public outreach materials already finalized including the fact sheets, website update, and two display boards. He also noted that two more display boards were in the process of being reviewed and revised. Phil Young (IMS) provided a brief update on the recent 1 on 1 communication progress. A preliminary list of potential advisory committee members was handed out and discussed. It was decided that additional suggestions should be solicited and that any recommended members should be

emailed to Leslie McCormick (IMS), with copy to Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), by October 26, 2007.

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) handed out and reviewed a letter request from IMS to modify their scope of work and increase their maximum billable fee. Documentation supporting this request was reviewed. Phil Young (IMS) explained why additional hours for research and development of the fact sheets had been necessary to produce a usable end product. These additional hours amount to approximately \$20,000. This meant that instead of the \$53,000 which had already been billed, almost \$73,000 of the total \$85,000 maximum had already been utilized. Phil Young further explained IMS's request for an additional \$28,000 and how it may be utilized to produce a higher quality public outreach and involvement process. Marty Grate (Omaha) stated that this would likely be a "tough sale" and that more time should be taken to carefully consider their request. Most Partnership members agreed and no consensus was reached on the issue. Instead, it was decided that a Communication Subcommittee meeting be held to more closely review the numbers and bring a recommendation back to the full Partnership.

#### 4. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) provided updates on recent agreements and bidding on example stormwater projects including the Pawnee Wetland site upstream of Cunningham Lake, Saddle Brook School, and the Under the Sink facility LID improvements. Kent Holm (Douglas County) explained that a date was for the "green roof" training on October 25<sup>th</sup> was final and that several partnership representatives were scheduled to attend.
- Jim Kee (Omaha) explained that over 3000 people attended the World O' Water festival on the previous Sunday afternoon. Thanks were given to those who volunteered including La Vista, Keep Omaha Beautiful, Omaha Public Works, and the P-MRNRD.

#### 5. Legislation

- Rich Lombardi (ACG) briefly reviewed the testimony he heard at the LR 94 and LR 113 legislative hearings for stormwater interim studies on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Papio-NRD (LR 94) and September 28<sup>th</sup> at the capitol (LR 113). He noted that continued communication with area senators would be vital to moving forward on both funding options, given that most senators see this as the year to address urban water issues. Julie Ericson (AGC) noted that she was preparing a follow-up memo from the LR 113 hearing and would distribute that to the Partnership.

#### Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) reported that in mid-October, FEMA announced that the release of the preliminary floodplain maps for the West Papio and its tributaries (originally scheduled for October 31, 2007) would be delayed as much as 3 months due to the existing levee which protects Waterloo, NE. According to FEMA requirements, the owner of this levee is responsible for signing an agreement which requires them to provide certification for the levee within 2 years. In this case, the owner of the levee is Waterloo and they did sign an agreement which gives them till January 2009 to meet all federal levee requirements; otherwise, the levee will be considered inadequate and the entire town will be shown within the floodplain. Because Waterloo signed the agreement

right away, FEMA is still on schedule to release the Preliminary maps on October 31, 2007.

#### 6. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD.

#### 8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 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.