

# **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Partnership Meeting**

**August 23, 2007 - 10:00 AM to Noon – Lower Level Conference Room  
Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

#### Attendants

The following were in attendance: Lyle Christensen (HDR), Steve Wolf (IMS), Phil Young (IMS), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Dorothy Lanphier (P-MRNRD), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Mark Stursma (Papillion), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Karen Klein (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Steve Tonn (UNL Extension), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), 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 10:08 AM.

#### **1. Introductions**

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

#### **2. Legislation**

- In preparation for the legislative hearings on stormwater interim studies scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> (LR 94 in Omaha) and September 28<sup>th</sup> (LR 113 in Lincoln), a conference call was held between those communities present at the meeting, Nicole Fleck-Tooze from the City of Lincoln, and Steve Riehle from the City of Grand Island. Nicole Fleck-Tooze noted that Lincoln had been working together with many of the other NPDES Permitted communities in the state including Grand Island and Omaha to build a coalition in support of enabling legislation for a Stormwater Utility Fee. In general, she noted that Lincoln's preliminary plan for LR 113 was to present the need for stormwater management, potential solutions and the anticipated costs (which continue to rise both in Nebraska and throughout the nation). Steve Riehle explained that Grand Island and Scottsbluff were leading the charge in central and western Nebraska and that they would also be testifying for LR 113. The individual involvement of Partnership entities with the statewide coalition and lobbying efforts was discussed; Nicole Fleck-Tooze agreed to email out the latest scope and fee to everyone in attendance. John Winkler (P-MRNRD) reviewed the District's preparation for LR 94 to be held at the NRD's office. He noted that we needed to focus on the urgency and the capital and long-term funding options. He also indicated that a tour may be set up prior to the hearing in the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Watershed Studies

- Lyle Christensen (HDR) explained that HDR was busy working with CDF to develop standard templates for Low Impact Developments that would both fit our area and provide as much runoff reduction as practical. He reviewed handouts of sample developments near Omaha and how they might be modified to incorporate LID practice. In addition, Lyle noted that a sub-watershed southeast of Gretna would be used as the sample sub-watershed with which to apply LID because of its varied present and future land uses. He also explained that HDR continued to refine the baseline and future hydrology of the watershed. Following completion of the baseline and future hydrology, watershed plans with regional detention sites and low impact development will be evaluated. In addition, criteria for evaluating each of the 5 scenarios were discussed; these minimum criteria included capital cost, O&M costs, flood prevention, water quality improvement, and green space.
- Latest versions of the Public Outreach and Involvement Plan and the 9 fact sheets were handed out. Steve Wolf (IMS) reviewed recent revisions to Draft Plan and the fact sheets. He explained it was imperative that all agree on the information found in the fact sheets as it would lay the ground work for the upcoming public outreach and communication with elected officials, public service groups, etc. After some discussion concerning the fact sheets and involvement plan, it was the consensus of the Partnership that these materials be finalized in their current form. Steve Wolf reviewed the upcoming schedule of Stage IV activities; including the initiation of public outreach with small group and 1 on 1 presentations, preparing information boards for upcoming educational events and the open house forums, the formation of the advisory group by mid-October, all followed by the public forums in early November. Last, Steve explained that 1 on 1 meetings were in the process of being scheduled with Mark Wayne, the Partnership's spokesperson.
- The proposal from the UNO Real Estate Research Center to study open space views on property values was held over until the following month when more information about alternative funding sources could be discussed.

### 4. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Paul Woodward noted that 2007 State Stormwater Funding applications were due into NDEQ as of yesterday. Every community in attendance indicated that their application was submitted on-time.
- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) discussed the design and construction process of the Pawnee wetland project just north of Cunningham Lake in which Omaha plans to assist in funding the over-excavation of the wetland site. She also reviewed plans to install LID practices at the new Saddle Brook school and Under the Sink site, as well as educational opportunities such the upcoming Green Roof training on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Kee announced that planning for the World O' Water Day, scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> this year, was well underway. Any and all volunteers from the Partnership would be appreciated to help out at the Partnership's display.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Marty Grate (Omaha) updated the Partnership on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) public meeting set to take place at 7:00 PM that evening at the TAC Building near 36<sup>th</sup> and Cuming Street.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the NRD.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 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.