

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting September 20, 2007 - 9:00 AM to Noon – Board Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Steve Wolf (IMS), Julie Ericson (ACG), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Ken Tex (Sarpy County), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Steve Perry (Gretna), Dave Petrocchi (Bellevue), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Rick Edgerton (JEO/Bennington), Jeanne Eibes (Carter Lake), Dorothy Lanphier (P-MRNRD Board), Mike Ryan (Public), Linda Ryan (Public), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M Hill), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Paul Woodward (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 10:07 AM.

1. Introductions

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

2. Legislation

- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) reviewed that legislative hearings were scheduled for stormwater interim studies on September 27th at the Papio-NRD (LR 94) and September 28th at the capitol (LR 113), at 1:00 PM and 9:00 AM respectively. He noted that these hearings were fact-finding missions and that testimony was being coordinated for both hearings. Julie Ericson (AGC) explained that her firm represents several NPDES communities within the state who are working to educate legislators on stormwater issues. She explained that testimony had been coordinated for the LR 113 hearing with several cities represented, including Lincoln and Omaha. Marlin explained that testimony had also been coordinated for LR 94 and would likely include Mark Wayne, HDR, Marty Grate, John Fullenkamp, and John Winkler.
- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) informed the group that a tour of Omaha area stormwater concerns was also being planned for senators on the Natural Resources and Urban Affairs Committees. The tour was scheduled for Thursday morning from 9 AM to noon.

3. Watershed Studies

- Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) reviewed that they were working on watershed hydrology which would show current and future flood flows, future flood flows with regional detention sites, and future flood flows with Low Impact Development. Once completed, these results would be reviewed by the Partnership and eventually presented to the public at several forums. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) noted that draft results would need to be completed and sent out for review prior to the next PCWP meeting.
- Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) reviewed suggested changes to the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership overview presentation. There were several comments and discussion on the presentation. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) explained that similar revisions would need to be made to the FAQ fact sheet. He also reviewed new presentation boards that had been prepared and were displayed at the meeting. Steve Wolf (IMS) reported that 1-on-1 meetings with elected officials would begin early next week and would continue to be lined up with Partnership representatives.
- Clare Duda (Douglas County) reported that the Douglas County Board was considering proceeding on their own with the UNO Real Estate Study for Low Impact Development and Green Space.

4. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) discussed planning for Omaha and Douglas County to work together on projects such as the Pawnee Wetland site upstream of Cunningham Lake, Saddle Brook School, Under the Sink facility LID improvements, etc. Kent Holm (Douglas County) explained that a date was scheduled for a “green roof” training on October 25th. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) agreed to forward registration information about the training to all Partners. Jeanne Eibes (Carter Lake) reported on Rain Gardens installed by the Carter Lake community which were failing due to poor drainage and soil preparation.
- 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. Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) updated the group on the most recent plans for the West Papillion Creek Floodplain Map adoption process. Preliminary maps will be released on October 31, 2007 and there will likely be a public meeting in early December.
- Joe Soucie (La Vista) noted that La Vista was demonstrating a Snow Dragon and Snow Melter next Thursday, Sept. 27th. Email invites will be sent out.
- Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted that semi-annual reports were due by the end of the month for all NPDES Permitted communities. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) agreed to forward a past template of the report.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the NRD.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 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.