

# City of Rockaway Beach

## Sourcewater Protection Plan Development Advisory Committee (SPPDAC) Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Monday, April 29, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Charles McNeilly, Mayor  
Mayor McNeilly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:** Sandra Johnson, Jason Maxfield, Lydia Hess, Ron Cleman, Jay Udelhoven

**Council Members Present:** Alesia Franken, City Council Liaison, and Mayor Charles McNeilly

**Staff Present:** Luke Shepard, City Manager; and Melissa Thompson, City Recorder

**Consultant Present:** Suzanne de Szoeki, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

3. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES** – None Scheduled

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Larson made comments on behalf of Nancy Webster, representing North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection (NCCWP), advocating for no more clear-cutting, pesticide use, or slash burning in Oregon drinking watersheds.

Phil Blanton commented that this was a crucial opportunity for community members who drink the water to have their voices heard and help determine how the watershed is managed.

Mary McGinnis, City Councilor, thanked the committee and commented on the opportunity to preserve the watershed for the next 20 years.

Kristin Koptiuch advocating for protecting the watershed using nature-centered environmental ethics.

Richard Felley advocated that Rockaway Beach restore the Jetty Creek watershed and rely solely on surface water.

Jordan Gulaskey commented on the Nehalem watershed and advocated for water for future generations, stating that clear cut watersheds collect up to fifty percent less water.

Goldea See advocated for keeping the watershed vital.

Daniel Howlett commented on the history of the Jetty Creek watershed and expressed concerns regarding clear-cutting, water rates, and septic tanks.

Nancy Webster submitted for the meeting record a letter and Jetty Creek Timeline, as well as the Secretary of State's Advisory Report on rural watersheds. Webster commented that she can smell septic during heavy rains in Nedonna Beach.

Nancy Lanyon inquired about maps included in the meeting packet and whether the area being considered included the entire map. Lanyon inquired about guidelines for watershed stewardship and encouraged establishment of a liaison with Oregon Health Authority.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Introductions

At the invitation of McNeilly, committee members introduced themselves and commented on their motivation to join the committee. Shepard introduced himself and thanked members for joining the committee.

### b. Election of Committee Chair

Maxfield made a **motion**, seconded by Hess, to appoint Sandra Johnson as Chair of the Sourcewater Protection Plan Development Advisory Committee.

Maxfield commented that Johnson was well-qualified to serve as Chair. At the request of Udelhoven and McNeilly, Johnson confirmed her willingness to serve as Chair.

The **motion carried** unanimously.

### c. What is a Drinking Water Protection Plan (DWPP)?

### d. Why Develop the DWPP?

### e. Components of the DWPP and Examples

### f. DWPP Development Process

### g. Advisory Committee Meeting Approach and Schedule Discussion

Suzanne de Szoeki, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., gave a presentation on agenda items "c" through "g". de Szoeki solicited input regarding preferences for the approach to meetings. There was discussion regarding preferences. There was discussion regarding the role of the committee and public input.

Maxfield made a **motion**, seconded by Udelhoven, to accept the format to receive information following the DWPP team meeting and reports.

The **motion carried** unanimously.

### h. Upcoming Watershed Tour

Shepard explained there would be a watershed tour for the committee on May 21, 2024, from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

It was noted that the next committee meeting would be in June. There was further discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee, and development of the agenda.

Shepard confirmed that there would be an online form for submitting public comments.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Maxfield made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

The **motion carried** unanimously.