City of Rockaway Beach
Sourcewater Protection Plan Development
Advisory Committee (SPPDAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Time: 10:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Sandra Johnson, Chair
   Johnon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

   Committee Members Present: Sandra Johnson, Jason Maxfield, Lydia Hess, Ron Cleman, Jay Udelhoven
   Council Members Present: Mayor Charles McNeilly
   Council Members Excused: Alesia Franken, City Council Liaison
   Staff Present: Luke Shepard, City Manager; and Melissa Thompson, City Recorder
   Consultants Present: Suzanne de Szoeke and Mikaela Clarke, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   a. **July 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

   Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

   The **motion carried** unanimously.

   b. **July 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

   Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to approve the July 29, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

   The **motion carried** unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   No audience members were present.

5. NEW BUSINESS
Start time: 10:05 a.m.

a. Sourcewater Protection Plan Town Hall Recap
Suzanne de Szoeke, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., provided a brief recap of the Sourcewater Protection Plan Town Hall.

b. Risk Level Change Suggestions from Town Hall Attendees and SPP Team Input
De Szoeke reviewed public comments raised at the Town Hall, referring to the *Rockaway Beach Jetty Creek Sourcewater Protection Plan Strategies Ideas* table included in the agenda packet for the meeting. The Committee reviewed and discussed the changes proposed in the Town Hall.

There was discussion regarding public comment that the landslides risk ranking should be higher than medium. It was noted that landslide strategies included obtaining up-to-date high-quality data.

After discussion, Cleman made a **motion**, seconded by Hess, to raise the landslide risk likelihood level to 4, and landslide impact risk to 5.

De Szoeke confirmed that the approval of the motion would result in a change to *High* risk.

Udelhoven expressed that he would abstain due to a lack of information. Maxfield expressed uncertainty due to lack of expertise. McNeilly suggested that erring on the side of caution was appropriate.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:
Aye: 4 (Hess, Johnson, Clemen, Maxfield)
Nay: 0
Abstain: Udelhoven

There was discussion regarding wildfire risk and a public suggestion to change the risk ranking to high.

Maxfield commented that published data indicated lower risk for wildfire and was comfortable leaving the ranking as is.

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to retain current wildfire risk rankings.

The **motion carried** unanimously.

There was discussion regarding public comment suggesting a high risk to riparian areas.

Johnson made a **motion**, seconded by Hess, to go with the suggested SPP team change from low to medium risk for riparian impacts.

The **motion carried** unanimously.

There was discussion regarding adding "not acquiring land in the watershed" as a risk.

After discussion, Maxfield made a **motion,** seconded by Hess, to recognize the significance of the risk of not acquiring land in the watershed, and that it should be part of the discussion, but is not appropriate to this particular risk analysis stage, and should be part of a larger preamble to the plan.

Udelhoven commented that it should be characterized as one of many risks to not taking actions.

The motion **carried** unanimously.

c. **Strategy Ideas for Addressing Identified Risks Discussion**
   Start time: 10:46 a.m.

De Szoeke led the committee through a complete review and discussion of the Strategy Ideas in the table.

Cleman excused himself from the meeting at 11:05 a.m., and returned at 11:07 a.m.

Discussion and edits to the strategy ideas included:
- Suggestion to divide strategies into themes or types of activities.
- Suggestion to add a review of best practices from other communities.
- Consensus to add, for any acquired lands, to research other municipalities, best practices and develop a recreation management plan.
- Consensus to modify recreation permit bullet to "explore recreation permits".
- Suggestion to add explore public/private recreation partnerships for a portion of the land.
- Added "communicate with landowners about management practices" to Recreation.

McNeilly excused himself from the meeting at 11:25 a.m., and returned at 11:27 a.m.

- Added "natural and constructed" and two bullets about woody debris and beaver activity to the strategy to increase water storage capacity.
- Added "consider limiting development" or changing code to require water efficiency measures for new development to Development.
- Suggestion to consider compliance monitoring/impact monitoring as ongoing task, including conservation, restoration, recreation activities and impacts, road maintenance, forestry operations.
- Comment that there should be sufficient water supply, and management of system should focus timing and retention of water.

- Added a strategy to encourage tourism in winter to balance demands year-round.

De Szoeke explained that typically the plan would include an overarching review of the *Draft Strategy Themes/Categories* included in the meeting packet materials. She noted that items discussed in the meeting would be added to that area.

6. NEXT STEPS
Start time: 11:45 a.m.

De Szoeke stated that next steps would include an updated version of the strategies and the next meeting would focus on how to address strategies with an implementation plan. De Szoeke encouraged the committee to contact them if they had additional ideas.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
Start time: 11:47 a.m.

Clemen commented that as long as there was plenty of water in the watershed, the city doesn't need to worry about looking for more. Clemen stated that the city should rely a little more on looking into wells.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.

The motion **carried** unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED THE
20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024

Sandra Johnson, Chair

ATTEST

Melissa Thompson, City Recorder