

City of Rockaway Beach Forest Stewardship Plan Advisory Committee (FSPAC) Meeting Minutes



Date: Friday, January 16, 2026

Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 Hwy 101 - 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Maxfield called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Sandra Johnson, Jason Maxfield, Lydia Hess, Nancy Lanyon, Darlene Johnson (Darlene Johnson jointed remotely at 11:05 a.m.)

Council Members Present: Charles McNeilly (Mayor), Kiley Konruff (Council Liaison), Mary McGinnis (guest)

Staff Present: Luke Shepard, City Manager; Melissa Thompson, City Recorder; Mary Mertz, Public Works Director

Consultants Present: Daniel Wear, Sustainable Northwest; Ben Hayes and Brandy Saffell, Springboard Forestry

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lydia Hess, seconded by Sandra Johnson, to approve the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Sandra Johnson, Jason Maxfield, Lydia Hess, Nancy Lanyon)

No: 0 (None)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Maxfield invited public comment. No guests were present to comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Review Feedback on Draft Forest Stewardship Plan from Committee Members and Priority Partners (Sustainable Northwest)**
 - Wear gave a presentation summarizing committee and partner recommendations and questions on the draft Forest Resources Stewardship Plan.
 - Hayes and Wear confirmed questions that would be clarified and language adjustments that would be made in the final plan.
 - Discussion regarding insurance coverage.
 - Discussion regarding options related to recreation and public access. There was consensus to maintain the status quo and steer the public away from the watershed area with signage and direct them to the existing road system.
 - Discussion regarding holly and consensus to not make any changes to the draft plan.
- b. **Discuss Proposed Changes for Draft Plan to Move Towards a Final Plan (Springboard Forestry)**
 - Additions to plan will include cost estimates and stewardship recommendations conclusion.
- c. **Next Steps to Finalize Stewardship Plan (Springboard/City)**
 - Shepard introduced options for approving a final plan.
 - Suggestion to hold one more FSPAC meeting to approve and recommend to City Council.
 - Steps to finalize include final draft from Springboard Forestry, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval, final FSPAC meeting and committee approval, and Council adoption.
 - McNeilly commended Wear for the committee survey process.
- d. **Discuss Future Management Costs (Springboard Forestry)**
 - Hayes explained they will include an annual average management cost in the plan.
 - Consultants are negotiating road maintenance with Stimpson.
 - Brief discussion regarding possible entities to assist with thinning.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Darlene Johnson impressed by committee members.
- Lanyon happy about options for recreation and proposed naming connecting path in honor of Shepard.
- Hess happy to be here.
- Maxfield commented on marketing the area as the "Rockaway hills."

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sandra Johnson, seconded by Lydia Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 (Darlene Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Jason Maxfield, Lydia Hess, Nancy Lanyon)

No: 0 (None)

MINUTES APPROVED THE
17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026



Jason Maxfield, Chair

ATTEST



Melissa Thompson, City Recorder