

CITY OF CRESCENT CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commission Members: Steve Shamblin, Chairperson * Ray Walp, Vice-Chair
John Wendt * Kristine DeCossio * Shawna Hyatt



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MINUTES - REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), 210 Battery Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

PART I – CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Walp called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Commissioners present: Commissioner Shawna Hyatt, Commissioner Kristine DeCossio, Commissioner John Wendt, Vice Chair Ray Walp

Commissioners absent: Chair Steve Shamblin

Staff present: City Manager Eric Wier, City Attorney Martha Rice, Public Works Director Dave Yeager, Contract Community Development Director Bob Brown, Contract Planner Ethan Lawton and Community Development Specialist Heather Welton

PART II - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

PART III - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

PART IV - AGENDA ITEMS:

**1.A Discussion to consider the General Plan Annual Progress Report.
Recommendation: Provide direction to Staff.**

Planner Lawton gave a slideshow presentation.

Census population was discussed on a commission level.

A few grammar errors were pointed out by Vice Chair Walp.

The commission pointed out that pages 17 & 18 are missing.

Commissioner Wendt asked if the library could be added to page 7.

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There was no public comment.

2. A Discussion to consider amendments to the Commercial Cannabis Regulations Ordinance (Chapter 17.95). Recommendation: Provide direction to Staff.

Planner Lawton gave a slideshow presentation.

The number of cannabis permits were discussed on a commission level.

Recommendation was to cap the amount of cannabis permits.

Alcohol and tobacco cap was discussed on a commission level.

Vice Chair Walp recommended a cannabis use permit cap of 8.

The following residents addressed the commission:

Eric Taylor, County Resident- Asked for clarification on the number of market fronts. He said caps aren't unprecedented and he thinks that cannabis at the State level hasn't caught up, in the future they may put a cap. He said Eureka is over saturated in shops. He thinks 4-5 is the city carrying capacity. He said certain jurisdictions have an RFP process. He said in July state taxes will go up.

Planner Lawton continued with his discussion.

Restriction on location was discussed on a commission level.

Health and safety criteria were discussed on a commission level.

Recommendation was for further discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting. And to add a topic of discussion of caps and findings for health and safety on a location basis.

3. A Discussion concerning amendments to the Site Plan and Architectural Review (Chapter 17.46), Use Permits (Chapter 17.54), and Variances (Chapter 17.56) ordinances of the City's Municipal Code

Planner Lawton gave a slideshow presentation.

Vice Chair Walp called a break at 7:28 p.m.

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The meeting started back up at 7:30 p.m.

Planner Lawton continued with his presentation.

The following residents addressed the commission:

Eric Taylor, county resident- Spoke about architectural reviews.

PART V – STAFF UPDATES TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Wendt asked if an annual poetry sidewalk could come before the commission.

Sidewalks were discussed on a commission level.

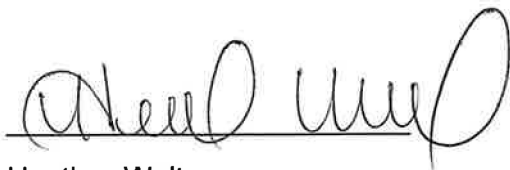
Director Yeager said the pool has been filled and things are getting straightened out to open. Next week there will be a soft opening. Front street will have a few more blocks to do this year. The Cultural Center will start construction soon. Bank of America and the new city hall was discussed. He said the Pebble Beach wall was finished and lots of plants were planted.

Planner Lawton said the previously approved CDP was approved with no appeals that we know of. He went over items that will be at the next meeting. He said Leanna or Bob might attend meetings due to Ethans scope of work.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice Chair Walp adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. to the regular meeting of the City of Crescent City Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee scheduled for Thursday April 10th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Welton', written over a horizontal line.

Heather Welton

Community Development Specialist