



## **MINUTES - REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.**

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

### **PART I – CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Shamblin called the meeting to order 5:33pm.

Commissioners present: Chairman Steve Shamblin, Vice Chair Ray Walp,  
Commissioner Kristine DeCossio

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Shawna Hyatt

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

### **PART II - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*The following residents addressed the commission:*

*Gloria Carone, city resident-Spoke about the new proposed building projects and how the impact of people moving to Crescent City would have on local medical offices and infrastructure.*

### **PART III - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*None.*

### **PART IV - AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1. Downtown Specific Plan Presentation**

*Don Arambula with Crandall Arambula gave a slideshow presentation.*

*The presentation was discussed on a commission level.*

*The following residents addressed the commission:*

*Dan Schmidt, county resident-Said he attended a previous workshop for the Downtown Specific Plan and thought it was done very well. He said the slideshow Don did was*

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*very good. He suggests an architectural theme to give the city a special look.*

**2. A Public Hearing to consider a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Application ZOA25-01) to the Signs Regulations Ordinance (Chapter 17.39) to allow digital signs.**

*Ethan gave a slideshow presentation. He went over proposed amendments.*

*It was noted that the City of Eureka currently has a ban on digital signs.*

*Cal Trans jurisdiction and regulations were discussed on a commission level.*

*The following residents addressed the commission:*

*Dan Schmidt- county resident- Said it's a small sign; it does not distract drivers. He said he drives the road multiple times a day.*

*On a motion by Vice Chair Walp seconded by Commissioner DeCossio and carried on a 3-0 polled vote , with Commissioner Hyatt absent, the Crescent City Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee adopted Resolution No. PC2025-09, A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Crescent City recommending the City Council adopt the amendments to the Signs Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 17.39 of the City's Municipal Code.*

**3. A Public Hearing to consider a Coastal Development Permit (Application CDP25-01) for the South Pebble Beach Drive bank stabilization project approximately 350 feet along Pebble Beach Drive between W 8th Street and W 7th Street.**

*Planner Kirsch gave a slideshow presentation.*

*There was no public comment.*

*On a motion by Commissioner DeCossio seconded by Vice Chair Walp and carried on a 3-0 polled vote , with Commissioner Hyatt absent, the Crescent City Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee adopted Resolution No. PC2025-10, A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Crescent City approving a Coastal Development Permit (Application CDP25-01) approving the bank stabilization and road repair of South Pebble Beach Drive.*

**4.A Discussion to consider amendments to the Commercial Cannabis Regulations Ordinance (Chapter 17.95).**

*City Attorney Martha Rice gave an update to the commission.*

*The cannabis ordinance was discussed on a commission level.*

*There was no public comment.*

*Direction from the commission was to remove manufacturing within City limits and to expand operating hours.*

**4. A Discussion to consider amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance (Chapter 17.35).**

*Director Penelope gave a slideshow presentation.*

*There was no public comment.*

*Direction from commission was to bring revisions back for action at a future meeting.*

**PART V – STAFF UPDATES TO PLANNING COMMISSION**

*City Manager Wier- Spoke about the small business loan that is available and future Front Street improvements.*

*Planner Lawton- Said the next meeting has no planning permits scheduled but will have the cannabis and ADU ordinance discussions.*

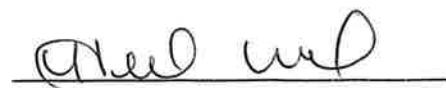
*The dog park was discussed on a commission level.*

*Director Yeager- Showed some pictures of the Tolowa Interpretive Trail.*

**PART VI – ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Shamblin adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. to the regular meeting of the City of Crescent City Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee scheduled for Thursday October 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Heather Welton

Community Development Specialist

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