

City of Capitola

Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 05, 2025 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Chairperson: Paul Estey

Commissioners: Matthew Howard, Nathan Kieu, Susan Westman, Courtney Christiansen

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners Matthew Howard, Nathan Kieu, Susan Westman, Courtney Christiansen, and Chair Paul Estey

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

3. Oral Communications

Please review the section How to Provide Comments to the Planning Commission for instructions. Oral Communications allows time for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on any Consent Item on tonight's agenda or on any topic within the jurisdiction of the City that is not on the Public Hearing section of the Agenda. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair. Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications. All speakers must address the entire legislative body and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue.

4. Planning Commission/Staff Comments

5. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under "Consent Calendar" are considered by the Planning Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Planning Commission votes on the action unless the Planning Commission request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered in the order listed on the Agenda.

A. Approval of May 1, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes

B. 4770 Opal Street

Project Description: Application #25-0143. APN: 034-065-04. Design Permit and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Permit for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and construction of a new residence and attached JADU. The project is located within the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. This project is in the Coastal Zone and requires a Coastal Development Permit which is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission.

Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption

Recommended Action: Consider application #25-0143 and approve the project based on the attached Conditions and Findings for Approval.

6. Public Hearings

Public Hearings are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed as a Public Hearing. The following procedure is as follows: 1) Staff Presentation; 2) Planning Commission Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Planning Commission Deliberation; and 5) Decision.

A. Partner Agencies Presentation

Project Description: Partner Agencies Presentation

Recommended Action: This item is informational only. No action is required. Staff recommends the Planning Commission receive the presentations and may ask questions or provide feedback to agency representatives.

B. 4820 Opal Cliff Drive

Project Description: REQUEST TO CONTINUE. Application #25-0231. APN: 034-463-04. Coastal Development Permit for a pin pier wall bluff retreat mitigation device in the R-1 (Single Family) Zoning District and CZ (Coastal Overlay) zone. This project requires a Coastal Development Permit which is appealable to the California Coastal Commission after all possible appeals are exhausted through the City.

Environmental Determination: Statutory Exemption

Property Owner: Jon Khazam, HOA Representative

Representative: Jon Khazam HOA Representative, Filed: 5/01/2025

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Planning Commission continue the item to a date uncertain to allow the applicant more time to provide updated project information.

C. 511 Escalona Drive

Project Description: Application #25-0066. APN: 036-125-02. Design Permit amendment and Variance request to construct an upper-story deck that deviates from applicable design standards. Original project includes first- and second-story additions to a single-family dwelling and a conversion Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), located within the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. The project is in the Coastal Zone but does not require a Coastal Development Permit.

Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption

Recommended Action: Consider application #25-0066 and approve the project based on the attached Conditions and Findings for Approval.

7. Director's Report

8. Adjournment – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is on July 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

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