

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of August 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Ken Reandeau, Dann May, Katina Hester, Warren Billups, Tom Butler, and Bonnie Booth. Bruce Emery, Director and Donella Clark, Principal Planner, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Booth motioned to approve the minutes with Commissioner Hester seconding. Motion passed.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Open Space Code continued hearing will be held by the Board of County Commissioners August 26, 2025.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public in attendance.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: None.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Director Emery updated the commission on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Department has completed the public meetings and assembled the public comments from the public outreach, online survey, and comments received. There were 109 comments received. Comments were characterized and comments noted as to where changes could be made or why staff believes they should not. Staff is still working on the changes brought by the consultants and a complete set of the county wide policy changes along with recommendation of the public comments after discussion will be presented at a future meeting. Commissioner Booth noted that the issues are diverse. Commissioner Hester provided comments (attached) regarding proposed language to amend the definition of "Rural Character". Staff asked the Commissioners to consider items they would like to see docketed in hopes we can address the minimums now and meet the Commerce deadline for the Comprehensive Plan Update and make these other changes in the future. There is nothing to keep us from amending the Comp Plan every year.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Commissioner Butler commented that not many people had attended the public meetings he went to, but that many people attended the stream buffering meeting held by the DNR. Is there a difference in advertising or is it just the content. Commissioner Hester noted that PC meetings are variable, very limited in time and occurrence, and that conversations could be more focused on scope of the commission's role. The group should try to bring back actionable items to help focus staff.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __7:53__ p.m.