



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall

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Call Meeting To Order - 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Absent 2 - Mr. Pope, and Mr. Stotts

Present 5 - Ms. Bravo, Ms. Cabanas, Mr. McRAE, Mr. Mellies II, and Chairman Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

1 September 9, 2019

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

- 2 2404 Seidenberg Avenue/T2019-0401/Cindi Madiedo
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)
[Correspondence from Property Owner](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Action Items be Passed in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 2404 Seidenberg Avenue to be replaced with 39.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. At least 25% of the trees replaced must be Bird Friendly trees. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 3 916 Elizabeth Street (Chelsea House 2)/T2019-0412/KHP IV Key West LLC and City of Key West
Represented by: Michael McCoy-New Leaf Environmental
Requesting approval to remove (1) Tamarind tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, that the Action Item be Postponed to the November 12, 2019 Meeting as requested by the applicant. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

- 4 522 Caroline Street/T2019-0433/John Spottswood Jr.
Represented by: Gustavo Galo
Requesting approval to remove (1) Autograph and (1) young Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, that the Action Items be Passed in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Autograph and (1) young Spanish Lime tree, at 522 Caroline Street to be replaced with 8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to include at least (1) Mango tree, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 5 1007 Thomas Street/T2019-0444/Stephanie Nadeau
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Tamarind and (1) Powderpuff tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, that the Action Items be Passed in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Tamarind and (1) Powderpuff tree, at 1007 Thomas Street to be replaced with 12.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6 Key West Historic Seaport/T2019-0440/City of Key West
Represented by: Elizabeth Newland
Requesting Final Landscape Plan approval for proposed renovations for ADA compliance, fire safety access, and utility and hardscape improvements. Plans include the removal of 5-Coconut Palms (#6, #7, #8, #38, & #41), 2-Orange Gieger (#10 & #40), & 1-Gumbo Limbo (#43) and the transplanting of 5-Coconut Palms (#1, #2, #3, #4, & #5) & 8-Thatch Palms (#36, #37, #39, #42, #44, #46, #48, & #51B) at the Greene, Elizabeth, and Lazy Way area and the transplanting of 1-Coconut Palm (#64) & 1-Sabal Palm (#65) at the Margaret Street area.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Additional Information](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, that the Final Landscape Plan be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Administrative Hearing

- 7 1906 Flagler Avenue/1908 Flagler Avenue Corp (owner)
1900 Flagler Avenue/Geary Management Company, Inc-Shanna Key (owner)
Respondent: Geary Management Company, Inc
The topping of (8) dicot trees including Strangler Fig and Jamaican Dogwood trees, without benefit of a tree removal or heavy maintenance trimming permit.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Administrative Notice and Staff Report](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Updated Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8 707-709 Truman Avenue/KHP IV Key West LLC (owner)
Respondents: Check Electric, Gary's Fire and Plumbing Inc., and Joel Dos Santos
The excavation of a trench to install fire suppression system and electrical conduit was done within 4 ft of the base of a protected Royal Poinciana tree causing large primary roots to be cut without benefit of a permit. Prior to the trenching work, the tree had been damaged by trucks entering and exiting the property due to a lack of tree protection measures.

Attachments: [Administrative Notice](#)
 [\(LARGE FILE\) Staff Report](#)
 [Arborist Corrective Action Plan](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Passed. The general contractor will pay a \$100 fine and for an arborist to monitor the tree every 3 months for 1 year, as presented in the certified arborist's report, Gary's Plumbing, a fine of \$200.00 and Chek Electric, a fine of \$200.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, that the Action Item be Postponed due to lack of representation to the November 12, 2019 Meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Reports

- 10 Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [Oct 2019 Monthly Report](#)
 [Monroe Co. Extension newsletter Oct 2019-Birds](#)
 [Article-Tampa Fines Property Owner](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comments

Commissioners' Comments

Adjournment - 5:44 P.M.