



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Present 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 June 13, 2022

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- 2 400 Aronovitz Lane/T2022-0145/TRA House LLC
Represented by: Shad Knapp
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree
growing over 625 Whitehead Street.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 400 Aronovitz Lane growing over 625 Whitehead Street to be replaced with 17 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham,
and Chairman McRAE

New Business

- 3 1314 Petronia Street/T2022-0127/Jonathan Kass
Requesting approval to donate (1) Royal Poinciana tree to
the City instead of planting on the property, as required by
the tree removal permit.

Attachments: [Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the donation of (1) Royal Poinciana tree to the City or a not for profit organization instead of planting on the property, as required by the tree removal permit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham,
and Chairman McRAE

- 4 Clinton Square Park/T2022-0198/City of Key West
Represented by: Albiona Balliu
Requesting approval to remove (2) Royal Poinciana trees.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Proposed Renderings of Site](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Royal Poinciana trees at Clinton Square Park to be replaced with 21.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

- 5 811 Truman Avenue/T2022-0211/W.R. Rupp Administrative Trust
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 811 Truman Avenue to be replaced with 13.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

- 6 1200 Margaret Street/T2022-0218/Michael Bridger
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1200 Margaret 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 carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

- 7 1207 Pine Street/T2022-0220/Courtney Collins
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Cherry tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Cherry tree at 1207 Pine Street to be replaced with 14.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

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1418 Von Phister Street/T2022-0222/Elaine Alea

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (3) Royal Poinciana trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Royal Poinciana trees at 1418 Von Phister Street to be replaced with 16.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

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1 Duval Street/T2022-0225/Ashford Pier House LP (Pier House Resort and Spa)

Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman

Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape tree by the pool area.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree at 1 Duval Street to be replaced with 12.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

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2214 Seidenberg Avenue/T2022-0228/Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mango tree at 2214 Seidenberg Avenue to be replaced with 5.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

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814 Windsor Lane/T2022-0227/James Harlow
Represented by: John Cole-Shade Tree
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sapodilla tree at 814 Windsor Lane to be replaced with 17 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

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1429 Johnson Street/T2022-0229/Ryan Spicer
Represented by: Just Keys Trees
Requesting approval to remove (3) Green Buttonwood and (2) Gumbo Limbo trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Buttonwood and (2) Gumbo Limbo trees at 1429 Jonson Street to be replaced with 45.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

Administrative Hearing

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1310 Flagler Avenue/T2022-00006/Maria Rita Vazquez

Respondent: Maria Rita Vazquez

One Sea Grape tree was improperly trimmed-tree abuse
and the work was done without benefit of a permit.

Attachments: [Hearing Notice](#)
 [Report and Additional Information](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the property owner and approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree at 1310 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 30.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham,
and Chairman McRAE

Reports

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Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [June 2022 Monthly Report](#)
 [2021 Yearly Report](#)
 [Florida Urban Forestry Council Quarterly](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comment

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:28 P.M.