



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall

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Call Meeting To Order - 5:00 PM

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Pope

Present 3 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda - Approved unanimously as presented.

Approval of Minutes

1 April 12, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Old Business

- 2 1007 Simonton Street/T2021-0084/1007 Simonton St LLC
Represented by: Timothy Ryan
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Staff 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) Sapodilla tree, at 1007 Simonton Street to be replaced with 25.6 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

New Business

- 3 1514 4th Street/T2021-0072/Casey Vinall
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1514 4th Street to be replaced with 3.5" 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. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 4 1508 & 1514 4th Street/T2021-0102/Linda Miller & Casey Vinall
Represented by: Casey Vinall
Requesting approval to remove (2) Strangler Fig trees and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Strangler Fig trees and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1508 & 1514 4th Street to be replaced with 36.8 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. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 5 900 Flagler Avenue/T2021-0099/Lynn Kaufelt
Represented by: Shade Tree Inc
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree, at 900 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 22 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 6 922 Thomas Street/T2021-0111/Eva Hamilton
Represented by: John Cole - Shade Tree Inc
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 922 Thomas Street to be replaced with 37.2 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 7 302 Angela Street/T2021-0118/A Touch of Life
Inc-Angelina Guesthouse
Represented by: Clifford Parker-A Cut Above Fl Keys Inc
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 302 Angela Street to be replaced with 14.1 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:

No: 1 - Commissioner Cunningham

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, and Chairman McRAE

- 8 709 Thomas Street/T2021-0119/A Touch of Life, Inc
Represented by: Clifford Parker-A Cut Above Fl Keys, Inc
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree, at 709 Thomas Street to be replaced with 24.2 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 9 716 Elizabeth Street Rear/T2021-0122/Ron Gregg &
Sabina Disano
Represented by: Matt Puppich
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 716 Elizabeth Street to be replaced with 10 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 10 714 Passover Lane/T2021-0125/Skull & Crossbones Trust
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 714 Passover Lane to be replaced with 13.5 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

11 1702 Josephine Street/T2021-0128/Charles & Roxana
Pierce

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1702 Josephine Street to be replaced with 19 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 Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

12 3521 Eagle Avenue/T2021-0129/James H. Hall III
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo limbo tree.

Attachments: [Application and Report](#)
 [Public Comment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(2) the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 3521 Eagle Avenue be denied due to the size or location of the tree makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Commissioner Cabanas

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

Administrative Hearings

13 1301 1st Street/TC2021-0001/Charles & Carmela Wicht
Respondent: Charles Wicht
The unauthorized removal of (4) Gumbo Limbos and (1)
Pigeon Plum tree without benefit of a tree removal permit

Attachments: [Notice and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that the Item be Postponed to June 7, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

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1301 1st Street/TC2020-0014/Charles Wicht

Respondent: Charles Wicht

Discussion of compliance with Settlement Agreement and issued tree removal permit of January 2019.

Attachments: [File Documents](#)

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Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

Reports

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

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Attachments: [April 2021 Monthly Report](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:20 PM