



City of Key West, FL

Old City Hall
510 Greene Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

5:00 PM

Old City Hall

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Call Meeting To Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Mr. Atwell

Present 6 - Ms. Bravo, Mr. Kapsch, Mr. Mellies II, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Jackson

Approval of Agenda

When asked by Chairman David Jackson if there were any changes to the agenda, Ms. Karen DeMaria responded that City Staff request item #10 be Postponed.

A motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Robin Robinson, that the agenda be approved as amended per Ms. Karen DeMaria's request. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

1 October 13, 2015 Minutes

Attachments: [October 13, 2015 TC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Mr. Neil S. Mellies II, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

New Business

2 **2319 and 2401 N. Roosevelt Boulevard/T15-7480/Banana LLC and KW26 LLC**
Represented by: Clint Oster-General Landscaping and Donna Bosold

Conceptual Design: Conceptual Landscape Design with Tree Removal

Attachments: [2319-2401 N Roosevelt Boulevard](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Mr. Glenn Kapsch, that the Action Item be Approved to remove Conceptual Landscape Design with Tree Removal at 2319 & 2401 N. Roosevelt Boulevard. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

3**820 Olivia Street/T15-7615/Gerald and Laura Harris**

Represented by: Michael Ingram and Nick Downs-A Caring Tree Company

Removal: 1-Sapodilla

Attachments: [820 Olivia Street](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Sapodilla at 820 Olivia Street and replace with 18.3" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

4**1214 Newton Street/T15-7616/Arnaud Girard D'Albissin**

Removal: 1-Gumbo Limbo

Attachments: [1214 Newton Street](#)

Due to the applicant not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Mr. Neil Mellies II, that the Action Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Gumbo Limbo at 1214 Newton Street and replace with 6.4" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

5**27 Kingfisher Lane/T15-7618/Stephen Sheridan**

Removal: 1-Gumbo Limbo

Attachments: [27 Kingfisher Lane](#)

Due to the applicant not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Mr. Neil Mellies II, that the Action Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

At the end of the meeting, due to applicant not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Postponed. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

6 417 Elizabeth Street Rear/T15-7621/Rick Bascom**Represented by:** Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard**Removal:** 1-Mahogany**Attachments:** [417 Elizabeth Street Rear](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Mahogany at 417 Elizabeth Street - Rear and replace with 13.5" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

7 541 White Street (Peary Court)/T15-7623/Peary Court Holdings LP**Represented by:** Ladd Roberts/Landwise Design**Final Design and Removal:** Final Landscape Plan with Tree Removal: 2-Silver Buttonwood, 2-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Sea Grape, 1-Madras Thorn, 1-Pongam, 1-Sacred Fig, 1-Jamaican Dogwood, 15-Green Buttonwood, and 1-Alexander Palm**Attachments:** [541 White Street \(Peary Court\) - Final Landscape Plan](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved to remove Final Landscape Plan with Tree Removal of 2-Silver Buttonwood, 2-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Sea Grape, 1-Madras Thorn, 1-Pongam, 1-Sacred Fig, 1-Jamaican Dogwood, 15-Green Buttonwood, and 1-Alexander Palm at 541 White Street (Peary Court) and replace with 160.9" and 1-native palm caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

8 711 Waddell Avenue/T15-7633/711 Waddell Street LLC**Represented by:** Kenneth King**Removal:** 1-Mahogany**Attachments:** [711 Waddell Avenue](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Mr. Neil Mellies II, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Mahogany at 711 Waddell Avenue and replace with 22" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

9 845 Galveston Lane/T15-7634/Michael Ingram**Represented by:** Kenneth King**Removal:** 1-Avocado**Attachments:** [845 Galveston Lane](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Avocado at 845 Galveston Lane and replace with 12.9" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

- 10** **2700 Flagler Avenue/T15-7638/Carroll Coleman F B of the Dioceses of Miami**
Represented by: Barbara Mitchell dba Mitchell Planning Design, Inc
Conceptual: Conceptual Landcape Design With Tree Removal

Attachments: [2700 Flagler Avenue](#)

At the request of City Staff, the item was POSTPONED during Agenda Setting.

- 11** **410-414 Simonton Street/411 Bahama Street/T15-7639/Inter-Ocean Holdings LLC**
Represented by: Alex Thommes-Craig Reynolds Landscape Architect
Final Design and Removal:
Transplant: 1-Blackbead tree and 11-Thatch Palms
Remove: 1-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Chinese Fan Palm, 1-Solitaire Palm, 2-Queen Palms, 8-Christmas Palms, and 6-Montgomery Palms

Attachments: [410-414 Simonton Street-Conceptual Landscape Plan](#)

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Robin Robinson, that the Action Item be Approved for Final Design and Removal which includes the Transplanting 1-Blackbead tree and 11-Thatch Palms and the Removal of 1-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Chinese Fan Palm, 1-Solitaire Palm, 2-Queen Palms, 8-Christmas Palms, and 6-Montgomery Palms at 410-414 Simonton Street/411 Bahama Street and replace with 2.4" and 18 native plams caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

- 12** **2717 Staples Avenue/T15-7644/Craig and Cheryl Cates**
Removal: 1-Mahogany

Attachments: [2717 Staples Avenue](#)

Due to the applicant not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

In accordance with Sec. 110-327, a Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved to remove 1-Mahogany at 2717 Staples Avenue and replace with 10.6" caliper inches, FL#1, native dicot, or fruit trees from the approved list, to be planted on site. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

- 13** **2016 Tree Commission Meeting Schedule Approval**

Attachments: [2016 TREE Schedule](#)

A Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Mr. Neil Mellies II, that the 2016 Tree Commission Meeting Schedule be Approved. The motion carried

by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

Administrative Hearing

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428 Greene Street / Joseph Farber and Richard Johnson (Owners)

Respondent: Owners

Alleged Violation:

Tree abuse - Improper and unauthorized trimming of 1 Strangler Fig

Attachments: [428 Greene Street - Administrative Hearing](#)

When asked by the Tree Commission Chairman David Jackson if he would like to enter into a Compliance Settlement Agreement with the Tree Commission, the respondent/owner, Joseph Farber stated he would like to enter into a Compliance Settlement Agreement with the Tree Commission. Mr. Farber also stated he would like to make a statement to the Tree Commission which he did.

In accordance with Sec. 110-291, a Motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the fine imposed against the owner at the September 16, 2015 meeting be waived and that the owner shall implement the specific Procedure Plan as submitted by Cynthia Dominich-Coogle as follows:

- 1) Hire an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist to administer ANSI A300 pruning standards.

- 2) If required, Cable remaining lions^otailed branch, to reduce likelihood of branch failure. Correctly prune recent cuts. Correctly prune ripped cut below the point of the tear to allow the wound to seal over properly, if possible, or trace ripped wound to allow closure.

- 3) Inspect tree quarterly for first year to remove dead branches and evaluate trees condition, then annually for 5 years.

- 4) Adventitious sprouts shall be allowed to remain and develop on entire tree for minimum of 2 years. Then clean, reduce, and thin, sprouts along the entire length of the limbs removing not more than 10% of sprouting. Adventitious sprouts are in response to over^opruning in an attempt to replace the stored energy. Wait until sprout growth slows before next pruning visit.

- 5) Due to the condition, maturity and setting of the tree, large branches shall not be allowed to develop.

- 6) No live branches larger than 3 inches diameter shall be removed without prior approvals and/or permits.

- 7) A written evaluation should be submitted to owner and Urban Forestry Manager at end of second and fifth year to determine whether the tree is recovering or declining and make any adjustments to procedures if required.

No Public input. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Vice Chair Robinson

Absent: 1 - Mr. Atwell

Yes: 5 - Ms. Bravo, Mr. Kapsch, Mr. Mellies II, Ms. Sullivan, and Chairman Jackson

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210 Truman Avenue / Rick Dostal (Owner)

Respondent: Owner

Alleged Violation:

Tree abuse - Unauthorized trimming of roots of 1 Spanish Lime tree

Attachments: [210 Truman Avenue - Administrative Hearing](#)

Due to the respondent/owner not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

At the end of the meeting, due to the respondent/owner not being present, a Motion was made by Ms. Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Postponed. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No Public input.

Public Comments

Urban Forestry Program Manager's Report

16 **October 2015 TC Monthly Report**

Attachments: [October 2015 TC Monthly Report](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Comments from Commissioners

Adjournment