



# City of Key West, FL

Old City Hall  
510 Greene Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

5:00 PM

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#### Call Meeting To Order

5:03 PM

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 3 - Mr. Atwell, Mr. Kapsch, and Mr. Mellies II

**Present** 4 - Ms. Bravo, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Sullivan, and Mr. Jackson

#### Approval of Agenda

Approved

#### Approval of Minutes

Approved

1 Tree Commission Minutes from 5/10/16

#### New Business

- 2                    729 Olivia Street/File #T16-7938/Gina Quick  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree in the back yard.
- In accordance with Sec. 110-328 (1) the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and/or condition of the tree make it a unique or rare specimen.*
- A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, that the Action Item be Denied. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 3                    1210 Varela Street/File #T16-7947/Robert Fierst  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting removal of (1) Autograph tree.
- In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Autograph tree to be replaced with 17 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 4                    515 Frances Street/File #T16-7958/C.W. Carr  
Represented by: Carl Gilley  
Requesting removal of (1) Red Sandalwood tree located in the front yard.
- In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Red Sandalwood tree to be replaced with 14.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 5                    1701 Laird Street/File #T16-7959/Rene Lemieux  
Represented by: Carl Gilley  
Requesting removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood tree.
- In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Silver Buttonwood tree to be replaced with 2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Items be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 6                    512 Amelia Street/File #T16-7971/Felix & Zulema Pradas-Bergnes  
Requesting removal of (2) Sea Grape trees located in the back yard.
- In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 2 Sea Grape trees to be replaced with 9.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, that the Action Items be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- 7                    2212 Staples Avenue/File #T16-7973/Eric Kazanjian & Maureen Banko  
Requesting removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree in the back yard.  
*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Gumbo Limbo tree to be replaced with 4.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*  
**A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 8                    2902 Harris Avenue ROW/File #T16-7974/City of Key West  
Represented by: Karen DeMaria  
Requesting removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree growing into and onto an existing mahogany tree in order to preserve the mahogany tree.  
*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Strangler Fig to be replaced with 12.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on city property.*  
**A motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 9                    1321 Simonton Street/File #T16-7978/Meisel Holdings FL-1321  
Simonton Street LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting removal of (1) Frangipani tree located in the front of the property.  
*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Frangipani tree to be replaced with 8.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*  
**A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 10                   1325 Simonton Street/File #T16-7979/Meisel Holdings FL-1325  
Simonton Street LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting removal of (1) Bottlebrush tree located next to the driveway.  
  
*In accordance with Sec 110-328 (1) and (2) The species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and/or condition of the tree make it a unique or rare specimen and the size or location of the tree make it substantial in and easily accessible to public view.*  
**A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Denied.**  
  
**No:**    1 -    Chairman Jackson  
  
**Absent:**   3 -    Mr. Atwell, Mr. Kapsch, and Mr. Mellies II

**Yes:** 3 - Ms. Bravo, Vice Chair Robinson, and Ms. Sullivan

**11**

1801 Venetia Street/File #T16-7980/Fabiola Azuaje

Represented by: Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard

Requesting removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree located in the front yard next to the handicap ramp and driveway.

*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Strangler Fig tree to be replaced with 15 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

**12**

2412 Linda Avenue/File #T16-7986/Brandon Jones & Robert Jensen

Represented by: Carl Gilley

Requesting removal of (1) Pigeon Plum, (1) Jamaican Dogwood, and (1) Yellow Tabebuia tree.

*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Pigeon Plum, 1 Jamaican dogwood, and 1 Yellow Tabebuia Tree to be replaced with 13.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*

**A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

**13**

532 Caroline Street/File #T16-7989/Robert Spottswood

Represented by: Just Keys Trees

Requesting removal of (12) Jamaican Capers, (10) Spanish Stoppers, (3) Ironwood, (1) Buttonwood, (1) Red Stopper, (1) Simpson Stopper, (1) Cassia tree, (1) Ylang Ylang tree, and (1) Allspice tree. Trees will be replaced with better quality native trees.

*In accordance with Sec 110-327 the approval to remove 12 Jamaican Capers, 10 Spanish Stoppers, 3 Ironwood, 1 Buttonwood, 1 Red Stopper, 1 Simpson Stopper, 1 Cassia tree, 1 Ylang Ylang tree and 1 Allspice tree to include replacement of 78.1 caliper inches of approved native dicot trees to be planted on site..*

**A motion was made by Ms. Sue Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Items be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- 14** 724 Caroline Street/File #T16-7990/William Caldwell  
Represented by: Just Keys Trees  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bottlebrush tree located in the front yard.

*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Bottlebrush tree at to be replaced with 10.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- 15** 724 Truman Avenue/File #T16-7991/Archdiocese of Miami-Basilica at St. Mary's  
Resented by: Cynthia's Blue Palms  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig located behind the gymnasium.

*In accordance with Sec 110-327, The approval to remove 1 Strangler Fig to be replaced with 53.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*

**A motion was made by Ms. Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- 16** 5555 College Road/File #T16-7994/Sunset Marina LLC  
Represented by: Bart Smith-Smith Oropeza Hawks, PL  
Requesting Final Landscape Plan approval with Tree Removal to include the removal of 3-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Silver Buttonwood, and 1-Royal Palm and the transplantation of 12-Sabal Palms, 6-Silver Buttonwood, 6-Gumbo Limbo, 1-Japanese Fern tree, 4-Royal Palms, 2-Christmas Palms, and 1-Thatch Palm.

*The approval of the Final Landscape Plan as presented with tree removal replacements of 23.7 caliper inches and 1-native palm.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Items be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

## **Administrative Hearings**

- 17                    1000 17th Street/Child Life Society (owner)  
Respondent: Chaim Wolkenfeld  
Alleged Violation: Removal of (1) Frangipani tree greater than 4 inch diameter without benefit of a tree removal permit.
- In accordance with Sec 110-291, The after the fact approval to remove 1 Frangipani tree greater than 4 inch in diameter without the benefit of a tree permit. . To be replaced with 18 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Approved, The motion passed by an unanimous vote. The respondent accepted the motion.**
- 18                    719 Olivia Street/Kevin McGinty (owner)  
Respondent: Kevin McGinty  
Alleged Violation: Removal of (1) Thatch Palm, (1) Bay Cedar tree, and (1) Simpson Stopper tree without benefit of a tree removal permit. Trees were recently planted to close out a tree removal permit.
- In accordance with Sec 110-291, The after the fact approval to remove 1 Thatch Palm, 1 Bay Cedar and 1 Simpson Stopper. To be replaced with 14 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees and 1 native palm from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.*
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote. The respondent accepted the motion.**
- 19                    1110 Petronia Street/Cobalt Kids LLC (owner)  
Respondent: Michael Guricky  
Alleged Violation: Partial removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit or a tree removal permit.
- In accordance with Sec 110-291, The approval to remove a damaged Royal Poinciana tree that was irreparably trimmed without the benefit of a permit, to be replaced by the property owner with 22.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The respondent will pay a fine of \$1000.00 and attend a Tree Ordinance Training Class with the City's Urban Forestry Manager*
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be approved with conditions. The motion passed by an unanimous vote. The respondent accepted the motion.**

## Public Comments

## Urban Forestry Report

- 20                    May 2016 Monthly Tree Report

## Assistant City Attorney's Report

## **Comments from Commissioners**

## **Adjournment**

7:20 PM