



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, May 9, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall

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**ALL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED (24) TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

**Call Meeting To Order - 5:00 PM**

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 1 - Mr. Jackson

**Present** 6 - Ms. Bravo, Mr. Kapsch, Ms. Ludwig O'Leary, Mr. Mellies II, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Robinson

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### Approval of Agenda

*The Agenda was approved as presented.*

#### Approval of Minutes

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April 11, 2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

**Old Business**

- 2** 1218 Petronia Street/file# T17-8350/Bruce Hunter  
Represented by: Nick Downs-A Caring Tree Company  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Avocado tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Sue Sullivan, In accordance with Sec.110-327, to remove (1) Avocado tree, to include the replacement of 12.6 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 3** 923 Johnson Street/File# T17-8378/Linda Aselin  
Represented by: Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Action Items be Denied. In accordance with Sec. 110-328 the size or location of the tree makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

**New Business**

- 4** 2615 Harris Avenue/File# T17-8405/Joesph Varela & Freddy Varela  
Represented by: FMH Builders, Inc  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Frangipani tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, In accordance with Sec.110-327, to remove (1) Frangipani tree, to include the replacement of 3 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site.that the Action Items be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 5** 3205 Eagle Avenue/File# T17-8410/Pat Finnegan  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Kapsch, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree, to include the replacement of 25.2 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary
- Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson

- 6 1421 White Street/File# T17-8412/Chris Wright  
Represented by: ~~John Cole Shade Tree Inc.~~ Carl Gilley  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.  
  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1)Strangler Fig tree, to include the replacement of 17.7 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 7 3820 and 3824 N. Roosevelt Blvd/File# T17-8454 & T17-8455/SC Key West Owner VII LP  
Represented by: Timothy Root-McKendry Builders Inc.  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mimusop and (1) Green Buttonwood from the existing 24 North Hotel landscaping and (1) Mahogany, (1) Pigeon Plum, and (1) Green Buttonwood from the existing Gates Hotel landscaping. The hotels are requesting a change to the existing landscaping and parking lot area in order to create a larger landscaped green area on the property line. Most trees in the proposed work area will be transplanted.  
  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Mimusop and (1) Green Buttonwood from the existing 24 North landscaping and (1) Mahogany, (1) Pigeon Plum and (1) Green Buttonwood from the existing Gates Hotel to include the replacement of 19.5 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site, The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 8 712 Ashe Street/File# T17-8420/St Ashe Street LLC  
Represented by: David Zarate-Island Earthworks Inc.  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany, (1) Avocado, (1) Sapodilla, (1) Red Sandlewood, and (1) Spanish Lime tree.  
  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary to deny the removal of (1) Mahogany tree. The motion failed for lack of second.**  
  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Mellies, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to remove (1) Mahogany, to include the replacement of 2.8 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion was approved by 5 to 1 vote with Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary opposing.**  
  
**Absent - Chairman Jackson**  
  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, that the Action Item be Approved In accordance with Section 110-327, to remove (1) Avocado tree, (1) Sapodilla, (1) Red Sandlewood, and (1) Spanish Lime, to include the replacement of 20.5 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**  
  
**Absent - Chairman Jackson**

- 9** 1314 Atlantic Drive/File# T17-8424/Laurene Shinn  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Postponed to July 11, 2017. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 10** 1445 S. Roosevelt Blvd/File# T17-8434/Coconut Mallory Resort-Mike Deeley  
Represented by: Jenny Eppy  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Laurel Ficus and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Postponed due to lack of representation by applicant. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 11** 2438 Fogarty Avenue/File# T17-8438/Harry & Marla Russell  
Represented by: DOT Palm  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Guava tree.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Postponed due to lack of representation by the applicant. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 12** 100 Blk Angela Street ROW/File# T17-8440/City of Key West  
Represented by: Gary Volenec  
Requesting approval to remove (2) young Gumbo Limbo trees in order to build an new sidewalk.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Mellies II, In accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (2) young Gumbo Limbos tree, to include the replacement of 2 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary  
**Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson  
**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson
- 13** 708 Windsor Lane/File# T17-8441/Barbara Van Matre  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Avocado tree.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, In accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Avocado tree, to include the replacement of 12.7 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary  
**Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson

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710 Galveston Lane/File# T17-8442/Barbara Ross

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Kapsch, In accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree, to include the replacement of 8.3 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary

**Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson

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402 Appelrouth Lane/File# T17-8444/Michael Browning & Thomas Sireci Jr.

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Seagrape and (1) Fiddlewood tree.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Mellies II, In accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Sea Grape and (1) Fiddlewood tree, to include the replacement of 15.4 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary

**Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson

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1503 18th Street/File# T17-8445/Kevin Kerr

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Bottlebrush tree.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Kapsch, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, In accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Bottlebrush tree, to include the replacement of 13.1 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Ludwig O'Leary

**Absent:** 1 - Chairman Jackson

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Kapsch, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Sullivan, and Vice Chair Robinson

**Urban Forestry Manager's Report**

17 Fort Zachary Taylor State Park Tree Permit: T16-7941 Close out

18 Monthly Tree Report

**Assistant City Attorney's Report**

**Public Comment**

**Commissioner's Report**

**Adjournment - 6:10 PM**