



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Commissioner Fuller

Present 5 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 July 2, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

2 522 Fleming Street/T2024-0213/Fausto's Food Palace
Inc-Jimmy Weekley
Represented by: Clifton Turner - Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care

LLC

Requesting removal of (1) Strangler fig tree.

Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 522 Fleming Street to be replaced with 17.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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3310 Donald Avenue/T2024-0240/Ruben Munoz &
Buttonwood Court Owners' Association-Carmen Turner
Removal of (1) Green buttonwood tree.

Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Green Buttonwood tree, at 3310 Donald Avenue to be replaced with 20 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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1021 Watson Street/T2024-0235/Marcy Haymaker
Represented by: John Cole-Shade Tree Inc
Removal of (1) Arborvitae tree.

Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Arborvitae tree, at 1021 Watson Street to be replaced with 5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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1311 Petronia Street/T2024-0238/Lynn Obringer
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Tree Man, LLC
Removal of (1) Canistel tree.

Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Canistel tree, at 1311 Petronia Street to be replaced with 17.4 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:

No: 1 - Commissioner Cunningham

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Chairman McRAE, and Vice Chair Pope

- 6 1705 Bertha Street/T2024-0236/Denzil Hatch
Represented by: Kenneth King
Removal of (1) Wild tamarind tree.
Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Wild Tamarind tree, at 1705 Bertha Street to be replaced with 18.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 7 704 Olivia Street/T2024-0237/Pineapple House,
LLC-Joseph Simpson
Represented by Sean Creedon-Tree Man, LLC
Removal of (1) Gumbo limbo tree.
Attachments: [staff report](#)

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 704 Olivia Street to be replaced with 12.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8 1817 Staples Avenue (1414 First
Street)/TP2024-0004/Conch Tour Train Inc-Edwin O. Swift
III & Christopher C. Belland
Represented by: Keith Oropeza, Landscape Architect &
Trepanier & Associates, Inc
Requesting conceptual landscape plan approval with tree
removal.
Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, to approve the conceptual landscape plan at 1817 Staples Avenue to include tree removals as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9 1615 Venetian Drive/T2024-0199/Belinda Rodriguez
Represented by: Kenneth King
Removal of (1) Gumbo limbo tree.
Attachments: [staff report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1615 Venetian Drive to be replaced with 10.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10 Use of tree fund money to purchase trees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the use of Tree Fund money to purchase trees, to include the replacement of one Coconut Palm in the amount of \$3,315.

Reports

11 City Attorney's Report

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [IFAS Monroe County Extension August 2024 Newsletter](#)
[Landscape Webinar Series Flyer](#)
[Urban Forestry Manager's Monthly Report](#)

Received and Filed

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:01 P.M.