



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall

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FOR VISUAL PRESENTATIONS: For City Commission meetings the City Clerk's Office will need a copy of all presentations for the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting.

Call Meeting To Order - 5:02 P.M.

Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Fuller, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

1 July 11, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

2 Requesting approval of the use of tree fund money to purchase trees for the US1/Triangle Beautification project.

Attachments: [Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, to approve the use of tree fund money to purchase trees and transplant palms at the US-1 Triangle Beautification Project. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3 620 Thomas Street #172/T2023-0131/Michael & Ellen Caron
Resolution rescinding the denial of a tree removal permit.
Sponsors: Commissioner Cullen and Commissioner Cabanas

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)
[Correspondance](#)
[Additional Information](#)
[Staff Report and Application](#)
[5-9-23 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas to approve the Resolution rescinding the denial of a tree removal permit at 620 Thomas Street #172. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4 3314 Northside Drive #151/T2023-0230/Michael Naughton
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree at 3314 Northside Drive #151 to be replaced with 24 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site, to include replacement of a native ficus tree. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5 630 Eaton Street/T2023-0234/630 Eaton Street Apartments LLC
Represented by: Arnaud Girard d'Albissin
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)
[Additional Information 1](#)
[Additional Information 2](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Additional Information-Video 1](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Additional Information-Video 2](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree at 630 Eaton Street to be replaced with 24 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: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Fuller, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 6 1716 Laird Street/T2023-0241/Rick DeBay
Requesting approval to remove (2) Mahogany and (1) Green Buttonwood tree.
Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 1716 Laird Street to be replaced with 13.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site, with the two remaining tree removal requests to be separately reviewed. Lacking a second, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to postpone this item to the October 16, 2023 Tree Commission Meeting due to the need for additional information. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7 912 Simonton Street/T2023-0242/Benjamin J Fernandez Credit Shelter Trust-Cathy Fernandez
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.
Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 912 Simonton Street to be replaced with 5.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.
- 8 3508 Sunrise Drive/T2023-0243/Richard Stafford
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (3) Green Buttonwood trees.
Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Green Buttonwood trees at 3508 Sunrise Drive to be replaced with 28.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.
- 9 1527 Flagler Avenue/T2023-0244/King Holdings II of Key West LLC
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Cherry tree and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.
Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Cherry tree and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1527 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 13.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.
- 10 3525 Northside Drive/T2023-0228/John Thrower

Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Yellow Tabebuia tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Yellow Tabebuia tree at 3525 Northside Drive to be replaced with 5.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.

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3530 Duck Avenue/T2023-0253/Cherry Schnepf

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) African Tulip and (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) African Tulip tree and (1) Mahogany tree at 3530 Duck Avenue to be replaced with 6.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.

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923 Johnson Street/T2023-0266/Linda Aselin

Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman

Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

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 923 Johnson Street to be replaced with 85.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to include four Strangler Fig trees, to be planted either on site or donated to the City.

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1500 Block 11th Street ROW/T2023-0269/City of Key West

Represented by: Karen DeMaria

Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1500 Block 11th Street ROW to be replaced with 6.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on City property.

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2900 Flagler Avenue/T2023-0276/Chris & Cheryl Meister

Represented by: Shade Tree Inc.

Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo

Limbo tree at 2900 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 9.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.

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1612 Dennis Street/T2023-0277/Nicholas Obea LLC
Represented by: Shade Tree Inc.
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape & (1) Strangler Fig tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree and (1) Strangler Fig tree at 1612 Dennis Street to be replaced with 37.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site.

Reports

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Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [July 2023 Monthly Report](#)
 [August 2023 Monthly Report](#)
 [MC Extension Service/IFAS August 2023 Newsletter](#)
 [MC Extension Service/IFAS September 2023 Newsletter](#)

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City Attorney's Report

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Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:17 P.M.