



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, and Commissioner Henriquez

Present 4 - Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended to include the introduction of a Stantec consultant by Patrick Wright, Growth Management Director.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 June 16, 2026

[Attachments:](#) [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- 2 308 Front St. (ROW)/T2026-0109/City of Key West
Represented by Urban Forestry
Requesting approval to remove (1) Cuban Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Revised Application](#)
 [Public Comment -DeMaria](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Cuban Mahogany tree at 308 Front Street (ROW) to be replaced with 31.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, with the condition that the replacement is a Cuban Mahogany tree and any remaining caliper inches are planted elsewhere on City property. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

- 3 1812 Flagler Ave./T2026-0120/Raymond Vasquez
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Pink Tabebuia tree & (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, to Postpone a decision on the Pink Tabebuia tree until the August 18, 2026 meeting. This will allow the applicant time to submit plans reflecting the proximity of the tree to the proposed building. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A subsequent motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 1812 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 9.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 4 629 Dey St./T2026-0125/John Bolte
Represented by Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree & ~~(2) Mahogany trees.~~

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 629 Dey Street 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 a unanimous vote.

- 5 615 Southard St./T2026-0129/Lawrence Shaw
Represented by Kenny Weschler
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 615 Southard Street to be replaced with 7.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6 1321 Johnson St./T2026-0131/David & Irene Eyer
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Poinciana tree at 1321 Johnson 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. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 7 1004 Thomas St./T2026-0130/Cassandra Butler
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec. 110-328 that the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree at 1004 Thomas Street be denied in preference to a heavy maintenance permit being issued. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8 2600 Patterson Ave./T2026-0132/Elias Gerth
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Tree Rep. Auth.](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree at 2600 Patterson Avenue to be replaced with 14.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, with the condition that a Mango tree is planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9 2222 Patterson Ave./T2026-0133/Arnold & Jaime Caballero
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove a 38' Silver Buttonwood hedge.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) 38' Silver Buttonwood hedge at 2222 Patterson Avenue to be replaced with a hedge of similar size (38") to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 10 3401 Duck Ave. & 1623-1624 Spalding
Court/T2026-0135/City of Key West
Represented by Keith Oropeza, Landscape Architect
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with tree
removals.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Updated Plans I](#)
[Updated Plans Phase II](#)
[Consultant Report I](#)
[Consultant Report II](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by
Commissioner Johnson, that the Conceptual Landscape Plan be Approved as
presented. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 11 2900 N. Roosevelt Blvd., 900-924 Kennedy Dr. & 3022 N.
Roosevelt Blvd./T2026-0124/REAL SUB, LLC
Represented by Smith Hawks, PL/ AJ Davila
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with tree
removals.

Attachments: [Landscape Plans](#)
[Tree Survey #1](#)
[Tree Survey #2](#)
[Tree Survey #3](#)
[Tree Survey #4](#)
[Report](#)
[Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson,
that the Conceptual Landscape Plan be Approved as presented. The motion
passed by a unanimous vote.

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:26 P.M.