



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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 - 5:00 P.M.**

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Henriquez, and Commissioner Johnson

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### Approval of Agenda

*The agenda was unanimously approved as amended*

#### Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

#### Approval of Minutes

1 August 19, 2025

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

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

#### Old Business

2 Request for Postponement by Applicant: 820 Georgia

St./T2025-0088/Byron Colley

Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments:     [Report and Application](#)

This item was postponed upon agenda approval to the October 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting.

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900 Duval St./T2025-0161/Lillian Kehoe

Represented by Nick Dent & John Hartman

Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the Mahogany tree at 900 Duval Street be denied due to the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and/or condition of the tree make it a unique or rare specimen. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

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1203 Whitehead St./T2025-0163/Bert Whitt

Represented by Sean Creedon-Treeman

Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1203 Whitehead Street to be replaced with 16 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.

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816 Duval St./T2025-0186/Michael Dana

Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by

Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree, at 816 Duval Street to be replaced with 38.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and other locations on Duval Street with the assistance of the Urban Forestry staff to ensure adequate replacement of canopy trees. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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2304 Patterson Ave./T2025-0189/Levi Pattinson  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree Care  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Spanish Lime tree (1) Ficus tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish lime tree and (1) Ficus tree, at 2304 Patterson Avenue to be replaced with 31.2 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.

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5 Kestral Way/T2025-0192/Zach Bentley II  
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree Care  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Buttonwood tree (1) ~~Gumbo Limbo~~ Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Buttonwood tree, at 5 Kestral Way to be replaced with 29.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and in accordance with Sec. 110-328(2) that the removal of the Mahogany tree be denied due to the size or location of the tree makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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914 Grinnell St./T2025-0197/Eric J. Osmundson  
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Avocado tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Avocado tree, at 914 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 8.8 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.

- 9                    2212 Staples Ave./T2025-0196/Curtis & Carla Cockrell  
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 2212 Staples Avenue to be replaced with 12.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or within the City of Key West. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 10                   2212 Staple Ave./T2025-0199/Curtis & Carla Cockrell  
Represented by Deborah Hensley  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 2212 Staples Avenue (City ROW) to be replaced with 7.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on City property. The City of Key West is responsible for the replacement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 11                   2012 Roosevelt Dr./T2025-0201/Carlos Rojas  
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

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 2012 Roosevelt Blvd. to be replaced with 8 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.

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504 Southard St./T2025-0181/City of Key West  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 504 Southard Street to be replaced with 21.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or within the City. Urban Forestry staff to create an overarching landscape plan to address the remaining two trees located within that block and present to the Tree Commission within the coming months. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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3401 Eagle Ave.(16th St. ROW)/T2025-0180/City of Key West  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)  
Tropical Almond tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Tropical Almond tree, at 3401 Eagle Avenue to be replaced with 18 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or within City ROW. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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1300 White St./T2025-0187/City of Key West  
Requesting Tree Commission approval to replace (1)  
Lignum Vitae tree.

Attachments:    [Report/Request](#)  
                          [Application](#)  
                          [Quotes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Lignum Vitae tree, at 1300 White Street and to utilize tree funds to purchase a \$5,800.00 Lignum Vitae to be planted on site and up to an

additional \$2,000.00 to explore the planting site and perform soil testing to ensure the site is suitable for the specimen tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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701 Palm Ave./TP2025-0205/SBY Key West LLC  
Requesting Tree Commission approval for Conceptual  
Landscape without tree removal.

Attachments:    [Conceptual Landscape Plan](#)  
[Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to Approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan at 701 Palm Avenue noting that additional Mangrove trees must be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## Reports

## Public Comments

## Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 7:08 P.M.