



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 January 20, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

2 630 Mickens Ln./T2025-0229/631 Thomas Associates LLC
 Represented by Sean Creedon- Tree Man LLC
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla
 tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the Sapodilla tree at 630 Mickens Lane 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 the following vote:

- No:** 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, and Commissioner Cunningham
- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

3 701 Passover Ln./T2025-0245/City of Key West/Key West
 Cemetery
 Represented by Urban Forestry & Key West Cemetery
 Sexton
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (2) Strangler Fig
 trees.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Matter](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Giordano](#)
 [Letter of Opposition- Boettger](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Ware](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Sullivan](#)

Postponed Indefinitely.

New Business

- 4 1402 Newton St./T2026-0011/Naomi Van Steelandt
Represented by Tree Man of Key West-Sean Creedon
Applicant is requesting 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 1402 Newton 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.

- 5 314 Southard St./T2026-0002/David Ribbans
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Hong Kong Orchid & (1) Punk tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Hong Kong Orchid tree at 314 Southard Street to be replaced with 5.4 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.

Further, staff indicated that the reference to the removal of (1) Punk tree in the title was made in error.

- 6 717 Galveston Ln./T2026-0008/June Houston
Represented by Ken King
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mango tree at 717 Galveston Lane to be replaced with 11 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 1000 Southard St./T2026-0009/Anne Ferrara
 Represented by Ken King
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal
 Poinciana 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) Royal Poinciana tree at 1000 Southard Street to be replaced with 16 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site, with the condition that (1) Royal Poinciana tree be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8 1106 Thompson St./T2026-0013/Nathaniel Lindille &
 Kathryn Vallilee
 Represented by Ken King
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo
 Limbo trees.

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 (2) Gumbo Limbo trees, at 1106 Thompson Street to be replaced with 22.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and/or contribute to the Tree Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9 1417 Albury St./T2026-0014/Suzy Stone
 Represented by Ken King
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal
 Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1417 Albury Street to be replaced with 3.5 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.

- 10 816 Center Ct./T2026-0015/Barbara Declemente
 Represented by Ken King
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Plumeria
 rubra.

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 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Plumeria rubra tree at 816 Center Court to be replaced with 9.2 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.

- 11 329 William St./T2026-0012/Peter Abrahamson
 Represented by Shade Tree, Inc.
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish
 Lime tree and (2) Pink Tabebuia trees.

Postponed to March 17, 2026.

- 12 241 Trumbo Rd./TP2026-0005/Monroe County School
 District
 Represented by Smith Hawks, PL
 Applicant is requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan
 approval w/ tree removal.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Landscape Plan](#)
 [Additional Information](#)

Commissioner Henriquez recused himself from this Item and left the dais.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to Approve the conceptual landscape plan and related tree removal. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Henriquez returned to the dais.

Reports

Public Comment

Commissioner Comment

Adjournment - 6:03 P.M.