



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 2 - Commissioner Cabanas, and Commissioner Henriquez

Present 5 - Commissioner Cullen, 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 presented.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 December 9, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Old Business

- 2 410 Petronia St./T2025-0241/Kevin Collins
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Spanish Lime 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, at 410 Petronia Street to be replaced with 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.

- 3 67 Golf Club Dr./T2025-0260/KWGC HOA Todd Brangers
Represented by Richard Nadelin
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 67 Golf Club Drive to be replaced with 8.75 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.

- 4 630 Mickens Ln./T2025-0229/631 Thomas Associates LLC
Represented by Sean Creedon- Tree Man LLC
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Sapodilla tree, ~~(1) Spanish Lime tree, and (2) Tropical~~
~~Almond trees.~~

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Pope, that the Item be Postponed until the February 17, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- 5 2406 Staples Ave./T2025-0268/Richard Middlebrook
Represented by Sean Creedon-Tree Man LLC
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 2406 Staples Avenue to be replaced with 1 caliper inch of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6 1100 Petronia St./T2025-0275/Scott & Karen Hoppa
Represented by Sean Creedon-Tree Man LLC
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Orange Geiger tree.

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 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Orange Geiger tree, at 1100 Petronia Street to be replaced with 7.1 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.

- 7 409 Julia St./T2025-0274/Mildred Tynes (property
owner)/Paul Cox (neighbor)
Represented by Sandra Riddle
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (2)
Mahogany trees.

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 (2) Mahogany trees, at 409 Julia Street to be replaced with 20.6 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.

- 8 3334 Riviera Dr./T2025-0278/Nicole Ceurvorst
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Autograph 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) Autograph tree, at 3334 Riviera Drive 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.

- 9 1716 United St./T2025-0279/J2 Development
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Strangler Fig & (1) Sapodilla 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) Strangler Fig tree and (1) Sapodilla tree at 1716 United Street to be replaced with 58.4 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.

- 10 1009 Southard St./T2025-0280/Neal Ruchman
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Green Buttonwood 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) Green Buttonwood tree, at 1009 Southard Street to be replaced with 9.5 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.

- 11 909 White St./T2025-0282/Kris Kennedy
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 Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 909 White Street to be replaced with 13.3 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.

- 12 1311 7th St./T2025-0281/Dana Cress
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
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 1311 7th Street to be replaced with 7.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by the following vote:

No: 1 - Commissioner Cunningham

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Cabanas, and Commissioner Henriquez

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

- 13 2102 Staples Ave./T2025-0284/Betsy Masat-Tallant
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1) Royal
Poinciana 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) Royal Poinciana tree, at 2102 Staples Avenue to be replaced with 17.6 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.

- 14 706 Galveston Ln./T2025-0285/Robert Evans III
Represented by Ken King-Golden Bough
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 706 Galveston Lane to be replaced with 10.7 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.

- 15 1903 Flagler Ave./TP2025-0271/Sugar Apple Properties, LLC
Represented by AJ Davila-Smith Hawks
Applicant is requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with tree removal. (multiple trees)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan and in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Jamaican Dogwood tree, (1) Royal Poinciana tree, (1) Spanish Lime tree, (2) Strangler Fig trees, (2) Gumbo Limbo trees and (1) Barbados Cherry tree, at 1903 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 51.7 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.

A second motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the Sapodilla tree at 1903 Flagler Avenue 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.

- 16 3401 Duck Ave./TP2025-0273/City of Key West
Represented by Keith Oropeza-Landscape Architect
Applicant is requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with tree removal. (multiple trees)

Attachments: [Application Report & Conceptual](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan approval with tree removal. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Reports

Public Comment

Commissioner Comment

Adjournment - 6:45 P.M.