



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

The clerk opened the meeting and called for a motion to name a chair. Commissioner Cullen then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to nominate Commissioner Cunningham as chair pro tem. That motion passed unanimously, and Commissioner Cunningham took the gavel.

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Present 4 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner Henriquez

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 September 16, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Old Business

- 2 Request for Postponement by Applicant to November 10, 2025: 820 Georgia St./T2025-0088/Byron Colley
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

This Item was Postponed upon agenda approval to the November 10, 2025 Tree Commission meeting.

New Business

- 3 520 Petronia St./T2025-0208/Lester & Hertiscine Lawson
Roberta Mira-Key West Endless Vacations
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Strangler Fig tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 520 Petronia Street to be replaced with 9.6 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.

- 4 210 Elizabeth St./T2025-0212/John Bolte
Represented by: Keith Oropeza
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (7) Silver
Buttonwood trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-327, to approve the removal of (7) Silver Buttonwood trees, at 210 Elizabeth Street, to be replaced with 29.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, with the flexibility, after satisfying the required mitigation of 90.6 caliper inches approved during the May 20, 2025 meeting, to replace the balance of the required caliper inches elsewhere within the City limits or by making a donation to the Tree Fund. The property owner is to work with the Urban Forestry staff to finalize. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 5 811 Truman Ave./T2025-0213/William Rupp
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Sapodilla tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sapodilla tree, at 811 Truman Avenue to be replaced with an existing Sapodilla tree which is approximately 8 caliper inches and is currently planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 6 2510 Fogarty Ave./T2025-0214/Paula Kiker
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Tropical Almond tree & (1) Autograph tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Tropical Almond tree and (1) Autograph tree at 2510 Fogarty Avenue 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.

- 7 407 Olivia St./T2025-0215/Charles Dlhopsky
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Spanish Lime tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree, at 407 Olivia Street to be replaced with 17.5 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.

- 8 800 Amelia St./T2025-0227/Elise Kopczick
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 Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(2) that the removal of the Poinciana tree at 800 Amelia Street 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.

9 408 Greene St./T2025-0228/C&D Properties of Key West
LLC
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 Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 408 Greene Street to be replaced with 12.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted elsewhere within the City limits or by making a donation to the Tree Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10 1526 Washington St.(ROW)/T2025-0220/City of Key West
Represented by: Urban Forestry
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Tamarind tree.

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

This Item was Withdrawn upon agenda approval.

11 1029 Southard St.(ROW)/T2025-0221/City of Key West
Represented by: Urban Forestry
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (3)
Gumbo Limbo trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Gumbo Limbo trees at 1029 Southard Street (ROW) 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.

- 12 613 Greene St./T2025-0222/City of Key West
Represented by: Urban Forestry
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 613 Greene Street to be replaced with 14.75 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted elsewhere on City property. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 13 1663 Dunlap Dr./T2025-0223/Housing Authority of the City
of Key West c/o City of Key West
Represented by: Urban Forestry
Requesting Tree Commission approval to remove (1)
Tamarind tree.

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

This Item was Withdrawn upon agenda approval.

Action Item

- 14 Approving staff's request for an amendment to the
mitigation requirement for 12 Hilton Haven Road
T2023-0128

Attachments: [Amendment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to Approve staff's request for an amendment to the mitigation requirement by replacing the previously required (3) 65 gallon Strangler Fig trees with 12 caliper inches of dicot or fruit tree from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted at 12 Hilton Haven Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Reports

- 15 Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Article 2015](#)

Received and Filed

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:10 P.M.