



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Mr. Stotts

Present 6 - Ms. Bravo, Ms. Cabanas, Mr. McRAE, Mr. Mellies II, Chairman Jackson, and Vice Chair Pope

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved unanimously as amended.

Approval of Minutes

1 November 12, 2019

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Presentations

2 Native Plants of and for Key West-Significance and Need
By: Susie Reutling, Florida Master Gardener
Native Nursery Manager (Volunteer)-Key West Tropical

Forest & Botanical Garden

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
 [2019 Native Plant Information](#)

Received and Filed

Old Business

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Review of Heritage Tree Applications

Attachments: [2019 Applications List](#)
 [1024 Grinnell Street-Mamey](#)
 [1100 Grinnell Street-Mango](#)
 [600 Elizabeth Street-Sapodilla](#)
 [621 Thomas Street-Mango](#)
 [621 Thomas Street-Strangler Fig](#)
 [Simonton Street-Mahogany Trees](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Russell Pope, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Mamey tree at 1024 Grinnell Street be nominated as a City of Key West Heritage Tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Mango tree at 1100 Grinnell Street be nominated as a City of Key West Heritage Tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Russell Pope, that the Sapodilla tree at 600 Elizabeth Street be nominated as a City of Key West Heritage Tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner McRAE, that the Mango tree at 621 Thomas Street be nominated as a City of Key West Heritage Tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote with Vice Chair Russell Pope recused.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner McRAE, that the Strangler Fig tree at 621 Thomas Street be nominated as a City of Key West Heritage Tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote with Vice Chair Russell Pope recused.

A motion was made by Commissioner McRAE, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, that the 24 Mahogany trees at Simonton Street cited as being planted during the 1934 Works Progress Administration (WPA) be nominated as City of Key West Heritage Trees as well as any other trees on Simonton, Whitehead, and/or Southard Streets that may be found to be planted during the same period. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

4 Approval of Revised 2020 Tree Commission Meeting Calendar

Attachments: [Updated 2020 Tree Meeting Calendar](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Russell Pope, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5 2904 Staples Avenue/T2019-0505/Raymond Vazquez
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape and (1) Surinam Cherry tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree and (1) Surinam Cherry tree at 2904 Staples Avenue to be replaced with 23.3 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.

6 1310 Flagler Avenue/T2019-0507/Maria R. Vazquez
Represented by: John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Russell Pope, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, to amend the application for removal of (1) Sea Grape tree at 1310 Flagler Avenue and issue a heavy maintenance permit. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7 1108 Olivia Street/T2019-0513/Claude Harris & Paul Almonte
Represented by: Matt Schilling-Schilling Tree Service
Requesting approval to remove (1) Red Sandalwood tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Russell Pope, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Red Sandalwood tree, at 1108 Olivia Street to be replaced with 4.1 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.

8 WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

412 Truman Avenue/T2019-0520/Crosby 2 Sam, Inc
Represented by: Barbara Napoles
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.
Withdrawn

- 9 211 Truman Avenue/T2019-0523/Mary L. Weech
Declaration of Trust
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)

Withdrawn

- 10 1209 Grinnell Street/T2019-0529/Leslie & Jean Snyder
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (6) Podocarpus trees.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Vice Chair Russell Pope, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (6) Podocarpus trees, at 1209 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 33.1 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.

- 11 1119 Varela Street ROW/T2019-0536/City of Key West
Represented by: Karen DeMaria-Urban Forestry Manager
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 1119 Varela Street to be replaced with 12.2 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.

No: 1 - Vice Chair Pope

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Stotts

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner McRAE, Commissioner Mellies II, and Chairman Jackson

Reports

- 12 Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [Monthly Report](#)
[Article-Brazilian Pepper control](#)
[Article-Co Dominant Stems](#)
[IFAS Paper-Rugose spiraling whitefly](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:36 P.M.