



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall

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ALL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED (24) TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Call Meeting To Order

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Ms. Cabanas

Present 4 - Ms. Bravo, Mr. Mellies II, Madam Vice-Chair Sullivan, and Chairman Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo and seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

1 December 11, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Old Business

- 2 1319 Duval Street/T2018-0099/Sunset City LLC, Lasalle Hotel Properties-Matt Babich
Represented by: Pearson Tree Service
Southernmost Resort is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Madam Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, that the Action Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

New Business

- 3 806 Thomas Street/T2018-0150/James P. Marsh
Represented by: Kenneth King and Marci Rose
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, in accordance with section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Spanish Lime Tree at 806 Thomas Street, to be replaced with 11.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 4 1409 White Street/T2018-0131/Yatish Goyal
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bottlebrush tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Bottlebrush tree, to be replaced with 5.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 5 611 Grinnell Street #2/T2018-0138/Tom Stroh
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Madame Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana Tree at 611 Grinnell Street, to be replaced with a total of 25.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or donated to another site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 6 831 Georgia Street/T2018-0145/825 Georgia Street LLC
Represented by: Oropeza, Stones & Cardenas, PLLC
Requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo Limbo and (1) Mahogany tree.

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

This item was postponed by the applicant.

- 7 1023 White Street/T2018-0155/Lee H. Dunn, Inc
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Madame Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, in accordance with Section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana Tree at 1023 White Street, to be replaced with a total of 5.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or donated to another site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 8 1301 1st Street/T2018-0160/Charles Wicht
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman LLC
Requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo Limbos, (1) Strangler Fig, and (1) Green Buttonwood tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbos, (1) Strangler Fig, and (1) Green Buttonwood Tree at 1301 1st Street, to be replaced with a total of 65.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 9 533 Petronia Street/T2018-0162/Chester Grabowski Trust
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla and (1) Mango tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, in accordance with Section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Sapodilla tree at 533 Petronia Street, to be replaced with a total of 26.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site, and in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the (1) Mango tree at 533 Petronia 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 an unanimous vote.

- 10 514 Louisa Street/T2018-0163/Cheryl J. Cooper
Represented by: Just Keys Trees
Requesting approval to remove (1) Black Calabash tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Madam Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, in accordance with Section 110-327, the approval for the removal of (1) Black Calabash tree at 514 Louisa Street, to be replaced with a total of 8.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 11 Approval of Tree Purchase.

Attachments: [Estimates](#)

A motion was made by Madame Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Neil Mellies, to approve the purchase of trees from Blue Native with the provision to increase the budget to \$3640.50. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 2 1319 Duval Street/T2018-0099/Sunset City LLC, Lasalle Hotel Properties-Matt Babich
Represented by: Pearson Tree Service
Southernmost Resort is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree 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, and in accordance with Sec. 110-328(2) due to the size or location of the tree makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Administrative Hearing

- 12 1301 1st Street/Charles Wicht (owner)
Respondant: Charles Wicht
Improper trimming of (1) Gumbo Limbo, (1) Strangler Fig, and (1) Green Buttonwood tree. Work also done without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit.

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

A motion was made by Madam Vice-Chair Sue Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-291, that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the respondent, a fine of \$500 for the improper trimming of (1) Gumbo Limbo, (1) Strangler Fig, and (1) Green Buttonwood tree without a permit. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 13 3515 Flagler Avenue/Wilson Chery & Regine Chery (owners)
Respondant: Wilson Chery
The removal of (1) regulated Pink Tabebuia tree without benefit of a tree removal permit and the trimming of (1) Mahogany tree without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit.

Attachments: [Report](#)

A motion was made by by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil Mellies, in accordance with Sec. 110-291 that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the property owner. The property owner agreed to replant 5.8 caliper inches of approved dicot trees, FL #1, on site and to pay a fine of \$250. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

14 Reports

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comment

Commissioner's Report

Adjournment

6:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm