



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Present 6 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the addition of the proposed add-on item at 1019 16th Terrace to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Pope, Chairman McRAE

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 November 5, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- 2 2829 Venetian Drive/T2024-0264/Ki Wing (Kevin) Cheung
Represented by: EE Builders
Requesting approval to remove 77 square feet of native trees (1) Buttonwood clump, (1) White mangrove and (4) Red mangrove trees, to install dock

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Supporting Documents](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of 77 square feet of native trees consisting of (1) Buttonwood clump, (1) White Mangrove, and (4) Red Mangrove trees at 2829 Venetian Drive to be replaced with 16.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328 to deny the removal of 77 square feet of native trees, consisting of (1) Buttonwood clump, (1) White Mangrove, and (4) Red Mangroves at 2829 Venetian Drive due to the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and condition of the trees that make them unique or rare specimens, and the size or location of the trees that makes them substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

- 3 1019 16th Terrace/HT2024-0021/Marlene Thorn
Requesting approval to recognize (1) *Lignum Vitae* as a heritage tree

Attachments: [Heritage Tree Report](#)

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

New Business

- 4 20 Hilton Haven Rd/T2024-0350/John M. Nichols
Represented by Just Keys Trees - Rob Crider
Requesting approval to remove (1) Avocado, (1) Star Fruit, (1) Mango, (1) Satin Leaf, and (2) Pigeon Plum trees

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting

upon agenda approval.

- 5 719 Poorhouse Ln/T2024-0351/Doug Maxwell-Key West
Modernist, LLC
Represented by John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 6 725 Truman Avenue/T2024-0357/KHP IV Key West TRS,
LLC - Joy Boyd
Represented by John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana & (1)
Mahogany tree

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[725 Truman Revised Tree Authorization Letter](#)

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 and (1) Mahogany tree, at 725 Truman Avenue to be replaced with 32 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1 to be planted on site, to include at least two Royal Poinciana trees. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 7 1118 Fleming Street/T2024-0352/Orlando Torres
Represented by Sean Creedon-Treeman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Ficus tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 8 1007 A United Street/T2024-0348/Sandra Cottrell
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care,
LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 9 1121 George Street/T2024-0358/Darryl & Cathy DeHanas
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care,
LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 10 735 United St & 733 United St/T2024-0361/Randy Falls/Henry & Cheryl Allen
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care, LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Ficus tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 11 2828 Fogarty Avenue & 2824 Fogarty Avenue/T2024-0225/Mohammed Billal Hossain/Edward O. Russell
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care, LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree

This item was postponed to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.

- 12 218 Duval Street/TP2024-0010/RAMLO Development Corporation
Represented by Richard McChesney
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval with no tree removal

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[218 Duval Authorization Letter - Richard McChesney](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan at 218 Duval Street, with the recommendation that the applicant make a donation to the City tree fund. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13 3200 N. Roosevelt Blvd/TP2024-0012/REAL SUB, LLC
Represented by Smith Hawks, PL
Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval with tree removal

A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to postpone this item to the January 21, 2025 Tree Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- 14 0 Duval Street/TP2024-0011/Seabord Associates Limited Partnership - Noble House Hotels & Resorts
 Represented by Ladd Roberts
 Requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan Approval with tree removal

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Tree Commission Landscape Plans 11.06.24](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the Conceptual Landscape Plan with tree removal at 0 Duval Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- 15 2025 Tree Commission Meeting Date Discussion

 Discussed

New Business - Continued

- 16 Approval of 2025 Tree Commission Meeting Dates

Attachments: [2025 KW Tree Proposed Meeting Dates](#)

 A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the 2025 Tree Commission meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 5:44 P.M.