



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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 appoint a Chair Pro Tem for the meeting. Commissioner Cullen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to appoint Commissioner Cunningham Chair Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously and Commissioner Cunningham took the gavel.

Roll Call

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

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

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 March 17, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Old Business

2 67 Golf Club Dr./T2026-0048/Mark Theilen
Represented by Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Public Comment - Bernazzoli](#)
[Homeowner Statement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328 that the removal of the Mahogany tree at 67 Golf Club Drive be denied due to the location, health, and significance of the specimen. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, and Commissioner Johnson

New Business

3 3735 Cindy Ave./T2026-0069/Julian Andrews
Represented by Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Public Comment - Bernazzoli](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 3735 Cindy Avenue to be replaced with 21.7 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.

- 4 900 Flagler Ave./T2026-0049/Lynn Kaufelt
Represented by Shade Tree, Inc.
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [Report](#)
 [Structural Evaluation - Lakewood Engineering](#)
 [Public Comment - Bernazzoli](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 900 Flagler Avenue to be replaced with 24 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.

- 5 1110 Johnson St./T2026-0056/Benjamin & Maria Villar
Represented by Shade Tree, Inc.
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bottle Brush tree & (2)
Silver Buttonwood trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Bottle Brush tree and (2) Silver Buttonwood trees at 1110 Johnson Street to be replaced with 28.8 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.

- 6 314 Margaret St./T2026-0063/EKS-Key West, LLC
Represented by Trepanier & Associates, Inc.
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo 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) Gumbo Limbo tree at 314 Margaret Street to be replaced with 4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or to pay an equivalent tree mitigation fee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 7 1022 Packer St./T2026-0066/Stephanie Hench
Represented by Tree Man, LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Japanese Fern 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) Japanese Fern tree at 1022 Packer Street to be replaced with 8 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 1124 Truman Ave./T2026-0075/Circle K Stores, Inc.
Represented by Tree Man, LLC
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree at 1124 Truman Avenue to be replaced with 23.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, excluding Silver Buttonwood trees, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9 721 Waddell Ave./T2026-0071/John Spottswood, Jr.
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Orkin Treatment/Inspection Report](#)

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 721 Waddell Avenue to be replaced with 30.6 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.

- 10 1607 Laird St./T2026-0072/Susan & Shane Farley
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1607 Laird Street to be replaced with 11.7 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.

- 11 823 Windsor Ln./T2026-0073/Tangela Harley
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (2) Poinciana trees.

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 (2) Poinciana trees at 823 Windsor Lane to be replaced with 27.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1. One-half of the required inches are to be planted on site and the balance to be planted at another location in the City of Key West owned by the next door neighbor. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 12 1550 Johnson St./T2026-0076/Betty Rubenstein
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bulnesia 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) Bulnesia tree at 1550 Johnson Street 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 a unanimous vote.

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1107 Windsor Ln. (ROW)/T2026-0082/City of Key West
Represented by Urban Forestry
Requesting 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.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1107 Windsor Lane to be replaced with 18.6 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.

Reports

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 6:31 P.M.