



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Johnson, and Vice Chair Pope

Present 4 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, and Chairman McRAE

Commissioner Johnson joined the meeting at 5:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the agenda as amended, to include the postponement of Old Business Item 3, and to withdraw New Business Items 13 & 14. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

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

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Old Business

- 2 2429 Fogarty Ave/ T2025-0035/ Samuel Snodgrass
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.
- Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that the Item be Postponed to August 19, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3 Request for Postponement by Applicant: 820 Georgia St/
T2025-0088/ Byron Colley
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.
- Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
- The item was Postponed to August 19, 2025 upon agenda approval.
- 4 3029 N Roosevelt Blvd #39/ T2025-0069/ Peggy
Longshore
Represented by John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.
- Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 3029 N. Roosevelt Blvd. #39 to be replaced with 10.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The Commission recommended the property owner collaborate with the Interim Urban Forester and Home Owners Association for an acceptable replacement.
- 5 809 Truman/ 921 Windsor Ln/ T2025-0115/ Tejas Soni
Represented by Steven Lore
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 809 Truman/921 Windsor Lane to be replaced with two Lignum Vitae trees (a minimum of 4 caliper inches each) which exceeds the required 14.3 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 2829 Venetian Dr/ T2025-0128/ Kevin Cheung
Represented Ken King
Requesting approval to remove 77 sq ft of mangroves.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of 77 square feet of mangroves at 2829 Venetian Drive to be replaced with 16.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Cabanas, and Vice Chair Pope

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, and Chairman McRAE

New Business

- 7 729 Catherine St./T2025-0150/Richard Houde
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove one Mahogany tree.

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) Mahogany tree, at 729 Catherine Street to be replaced with 6.6 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.

- 8 2927 Harris Ave./T2025-0151/Richard Jabour
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove one Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree, at 2927 Harris Avenue to be replaced with 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.

- 9 413 Truman Ave/T2025-0126/Jaclynn Frister

Represented by Shorty's Tree and Lawn Care, Clifton
Turner

Requesting approval to remove one 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 413 Truman 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 Commission recommended the property owner collaborate with the Interim Urban Forester for an acceptable replacement.

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701 Palm Ave/T2025-0144/SBY Key West LLC

Represented by Shorty's Tree and Lawn Care, Clifton
Turner

Requesting approval to remove approximately 240 sq ft of
mangroves.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that this Item be Postponed to August 19, 2025. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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216 Eanes Ln/T2025-0148/Dragonfly Realty Trust,David
Pevna

Represented by Shorty's Tree and Lawn Care, Clifton
Turner

Requesting approval to remove one Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the Royal Poinciana tree at 216 Eanes Lane 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 a unanimous vote.

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618 Whitehead St/T2025-0139/Zach Krachinski

Represented by Peter Ryan

Requesting approval to remove one Royal Poinciana tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 618 Whitehead Street to be replaced with 16.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The Item proceeded without the property owner's presence due to the eminent threat of potential hazard. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 13 Withdrawn by Staff: 809 Truman/921 Windsor
Ln/T2025-0115/Tejas Soni
Represented by Steven Loer
Requesting approval to remove one Royal Poinciana tree.

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

This Item was Withdrawn by staff upon agenda approval.

- 14 Withdrawn by Staff: 3029 N. Roosevelt Blvd
#39/T2025-0069/Peggy Longshore
Represented by Limbwalkers LLC
Requesting approval to remove one Mahogany tree.

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

This Item was Withdrawn by staff upon agenda approval.

- 15 320 Amelia St/T2025-0138/LNSW LLC, Lily Wang
Requesting approval to remove one Mahogany and Silver
Buttonwood tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that this Item be Postponed to August 19, 2025. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 16 1122 Von Phister St/T2025-0147/Anne Fortney
Represented by Robert Delaune Architect
Requesting approval to remove three Pigeon Plum trees.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the transplant of (2) smaller

Pigeon Plum trees at 1122 Von Phister to a different location on the same property and the removal of (1) larger Pigeon Plum tree to be replaced with 7.44 caliper inches of the same species on site. The approval is with the condition that the (2) smaller transplanted Pigeon Plum trees will be monitored for a two-year period and if they do not survive, the trees will be replaced with (2) 7 caliper inch Pigeon Plum trees on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Administrative Hearing

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729 Olivia St/ TC2025-0002/ Zachary Williams
Respondents: Zachary Williams and Fernando Viera of
Lower Keys Trees
Unauthorized removal of (1) Tamarind and (1) Spanish
Lime, and heavy trimming of (1) Spanish Lime

Attachments: [Hearing Notice & Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec. 110-291, that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the property owner and Fernando Viera of Lower Keys Trees as follows:

Property Owner - The property owner is required to pay a \$1000.00 fine immediately, and plant or more canopy trees on site. The replacement trees are to be approved by the Interim Urban Forester. The concept of the replacement tree(s) must be completed within three months of this meeting. Commissioner Henriquez noted that the amount of the fine was reduced due to the anticipated cost of removing the existing tree trunk in the front yard.

Lower Keys Trees - The contractor is required to pay a \$250.00 fine for a first time offense and to schedule and attend educational training with the Interim Urban Forester within six weeks of this meeting.

The terms of the agreement were accepted by Van Fischer, representing the property owner Zachary Williams, and Fernando Viera, representing Lower Keys Trees.

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1228 Flagler Ave/ TC2025-0003/ Key West Rentals LLC
Respondents: Chris Sante and Christopher Trentine of CBT
Construction and Development Inc
Unauthorized removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Green
Buttonwood, (1) Mango Tree, and at least (2) Regulated
Palms

Attachments: [Hearing Notice & Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Chairman McRAE, in accordance with Sec. 110-291, that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the property owner as follows:

Property Owner - The property owner must pay a \$250.00 fine and replace the species outlined as follows (1) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Green Buttonwood, (1) Mango tree and at least (2) regulated Palms, plus additional trees, equal to or exceeding 31 caliper inches as outlined in the staff report. The replacement shall occur within 18 months of this meeting.

The terms of the agreement were accepted by the property owner.

New Business - Continued

- 19 2801 Patterson Ave and City ROW/T2025-0149/John and Tiffany Hughes
Requesting approval to remove one Seagrape tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, to table this Item until the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that this Item be Postponed to August 19, 2025. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Reports

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 7:20 P.M.