# City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

## Tree Commission

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025** | **5:00 PM** | **City Hall**

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

### Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, 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 include the proposed Add-on Action Item 12, postponement of Old Business Items 2, 3, & 4, postponement of Administrative Hearing Item 13 and to withdraw New Business Item 6. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.**

### Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

### Approval of Minutes

**1** May 20, 2025

***Attachments:*** Minutes

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

### Old Business

**2** 2429 Fogarty Ave/ T2025-0035/ Samuel Snodgrass
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

***Attachments:*** Report and Application

**This item was postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.**

**3** 820 Georgia St/ T2025-0088/ Byron Colley
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

***Attachments:*** Report and Application

**This item was postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting 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

**This item was postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.**

## New Business

**5** 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 Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that this item be postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6** 1010 Kennedy Dr/ T2025-0120/ Kennedy Center Condo. Assoc.
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Black Olive tree.

***Attachments:*** Report
Application

**This item was withdrawn by staff upon agenda approval.**

**7** 1420 Whalton St/ T2025-0116/ Joseph & Lynn Ruocco
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.

***Attachments:*** Report
Application

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunnigham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mango tree, at 1420 Whalton Street to be replaced with 11.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.**

**8** 1213 Grinnell St/ T2025-0113/ Brenda Donelly
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Silver Buttonwood tree.

***Attachments:*** Report
Application

**A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood tree, at 1213 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 8.4 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:** 2 - Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner Johnson

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Henriquez, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

**9** 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 Cullen, that this item be postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting in order to determine the replacement value/caliper inches. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10** 1024 16th Terrace/ T2025-0125/ George Koehn
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

***Attachments:*** Report
Application

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 1024 16th Terrace to be replaced with 15 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11** 1620 Truesdale Ct/ TP2025-0006/ City of Key West
Represented by Keith Oropeza
Requesting conceptual landscape plan approval with the removal of (1) sabal palm (1) Gumbo Limbo (1) Bridle Veil (1) Pigeon Plum (1) Strangler Fig (1) Simpson Stopper

***Attachments:*** Updated report
Application

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve the conceptual landscape plan with the removal of (1) Sabal Palm (1) Gumbo Limbo, (1) Bridle Veil, (1) Pigeon Plum, (1) Strangler Fig and (1) Simpson Stopper at 1620 Truesdale Court and to include the required replacement of 15.6 caliper inches, plus (1) native palm. Additionally, the compliance settlement agreement requires (1) Royal Poinciana and (1) Gumbo Limbo. The motion passed unanimously.**

**12** Recommending that the City Commission increase green inventory of canopy trees by obtaining grant funding; Recommending initiation of programs to encourage the planting of canopy trees; Recommending that the City set a goal to increase green inventory; Recommending that the Urban Forestry Division be adequately funded and staffed to meet these goals; Recommending the City Manager determine and allocate the exact funding to facilitate these request for Fiscal Year 25-26; Providing for an effective date.

***Attachments:*** Resolution

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the resolution recommendation to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.**

Enactment No: TC 25-01

## Administrative Hearings

**13** **Request for Postponement by Applicant until July 15, 2025:** 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

**This item was postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting upon agenda approval.**

**14** 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 Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that this item be postponed to the July 15, 2025 Tree Commission meeting in order to determine the replacement value/caliper inches. The motion passed unanimously.**

## New Business - Continued

**15** 315 Catherine St/ T2025-0121/ Peter Scala & Danielle Fox-Scala/Michael Kerns
Represented by Clifton Turner-Shorty's Tree & Lawn
Requesting approval to remove (1) Rainbow Eucyliptus tree.

***Attachments:*** Report
Application

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Pope, to table this item until the end of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Rainbow Eucyliptus tree, at 315 Catherine Street to be replaced with 6.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.**

## Public Comments

## Commissioner Comments

## Adjournment - 6:46 P.M.