City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | **5:00 PM** | **City Hall**

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner Henriquez

Present 4 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

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 April 21, 2026

Attachments: Minutes

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

New Business

2 1107 Windsor Ln./T2026-0060/Doug Bradshaw
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Poinciana tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Poinciana tree at 1107 Windsor Lane to be replaced with 14 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted in the city right of way located directly in front of the parcel. The mitigation shall be satisfied by planting a Poinciana tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3 2222 N. Roosevelt Blvd./T2026-0092/Gulf Atlantic Bank
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Paradise tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Paradise tree at 2222 N. Roosevelt Blvd. to be replaced with 4.7 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 1100 Varela St./T2026-0093/Aleida Jacobo
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (2) Green Buttonwood trees.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Green Buttonwood trees at 1100 Varela Street to be replaced with 19.2 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 1123 Olivia St./T2026-0094/Arnold Hermelin
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Poinciana tree.

Attachments: Report
Application
Public Comment - Petro

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Poinciana tree at 1123 Olivia Street to be replaced with 12 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted at 826 White Street. The mitigation shall be satisfied by planting a Poinciana tree. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6 2222 Patterson Ave./T2026-0095/Arnold & Jaime Caballero
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Silver Buttonwood hedge.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Silver Buttonwood hedge at 2222 Patterson Avenue to be replaced with a hedge of similar size (18 linear feet) to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7 817 1/2 Terry Ln./T2026-0096/Birchard Ohlinger
Represented by Ken King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Tamarindus Indica tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1)Tamarindus Indica tree at 817 1/2 Terry Lane to be replaced with 8.9 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.

8 139 Golf Club Dr./T2026-0078/Michael Desposito
Represented by Shorty's Tree and Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 139 Golf Club Drive to be replaced with 13.2 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.

9 212 Fleming St./T2026-0101/Dale & Amy Shields
Represented by Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Horseflesh Mahogany tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Horseflesh Mahogany tree at 212 Fleming Street to be replaced with 13.8 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.

10 1317 Ashby St./T2026-0084/Monika Kropornicka
Represented by Erik Gray
Requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo Limbo trees.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbo trees at 1317 Ashby Street to be replaced with 30.7 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 0 Duval St./T2026-0086/Ocean Key Resort & Spa
Represented by Matthew Trahan
Requesting approval to remove (3) Gumbo Limbo trees.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (3) Gumbo Limbo trees at 0 Duval Street. The property owner shall satisfy the 15.5 caliper inch mitigation requirement by paying a fee of $200 per caliper inch to the City's Tree Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12 729 Truman Ave./T2026-0102/Joe Moffa
Represented by John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (1) Poinciana tree & (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Poinciana tree and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 729 Truman Avenue to be replaced with 25.3 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.

13 1430 Grinnell St./T2026-0103/Adrienne Curran
Represented by John Hartman
Requesting approval to remove (2) Tropical Almond trees.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Tropical Almond trees at 1430 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 18.7 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.

14 3720 Duck Ave./T2026-0091/3720 Duck Ave. Holdings, LLC
Represented by Dave Black
Requesting approval to remove (1) Cuban Mahogany tree.

Attachments: Report
Application
Orkin Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Cuban Mahogany tree at 3720 Duck Avenue to be replaced with 22.5 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.

15 1208 Duncan St./T2026-0100/Yvonne Gibb
Represented by Tree Man, LLC
Requesting approval to remove (5) Buttonwood trees.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, that the Item be Postponed to the June 16, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

16 701 Passover Ln./T2026-0099/City of Key West
Represented by Urban Forestry
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 701 Passover Lane to be replaced with 10.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on city property. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

17 1823 Harris Ave.(Easement)/T2026-0077/City of Key West
Represented by Urban Forestry
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1823 Harris Avenue (Easement) to be replaced with 4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on city property. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Action Items

18 Requesting approval to use Tree Funds to facilitate a Key Lime Tree Giveaway.

Attachments: Proposal

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, to approve using up to $10,000. in Tree Funds for the Key Lime Tree Giveaway. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Chairman McRAE

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner Henriquez

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Johnson, and Vice Chair Pope

New Business - Cont'd

19 625 William St./T2026-0097/Michael Wajda & Jim Nebelung
Represented by Patricia Neyra
Requesting approval to remove (1) Frangipani tree.

Attachments: Report
Application

Due to lack of representation, a motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that the Item be Tabled to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, that the Item be Postponed to the June 16, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Reports

20 Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: ISA Standards: Matching Trees to Site
Tree Removal Report - 916 Thomas St.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

Commissioner Comment

Adjournment - 6:56 P.M.