



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

5:00 PM

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ALL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED (24) TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Call Meeting To Order 5:00 PM

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Ms. Sullivan

Present 5 - Ms. Bravo, Mr. Kapsch, Mr. Mellies II, Ms. Robinson, and Chairman Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Madam Vice-Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended with item number 2 being postponed until the September 12 meeting. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

1 July 11, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Old Business

- 2 **POSTPONED BY APPLICANT** - 37 Spoonbill Way/File#
T17-8544/Kelly Penwell
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
Postponed

New Business

- 3 1230 Seminary Street/File# T17-8550/Susan Henshaw Jones
Represented by: John Cole-Shade Tree Services
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

A motion was made by Madam Vice-Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree, to include the replacement of 12.8 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.
- 4 610 Petronia Street (616 Petronia Street Rear)/File# T17-8578/Merlinn
Inn Inc
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree, to include the replacement of 10.6 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.
- 5 416 Elizabeth Street/File# T17-8586/Far Niente, LLC
Represented by: Nick Downs-A Caring Tree Company
Requesting approval to remove (1) Shoebuttan Ardisia tree due to the presence of ganoderma.

A motion was made by Madam Vice-Chair Robin Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Shoebuttan Ardisia tree, to include the replacement of 3.8 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on another site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.
- 6 3540 Eagle Avenue ROW/File# T17-8583/City of Key West
Represented by: Karen DeMaria
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo limbo tree.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Madam Vice-Chair Robin Robinson, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, to include the replacement of 21.6 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on The City of Key West property. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 7 1300 Atlantic Blvd (C.B. Harvey Rest Beach Park)/File# T17-8522/City of Key West
Represented by: Steve McAlearney
Requesting approval to remove (4) Buttonwood, (3) Sea Grape, (2) Jamaica Caper, (1) Seven Year Apple, and (1) Bay Cedar for a shoreline stabilization project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (4) Buttonwood, (3) Sea Grape, (2) Jamaica Caper, (1) Seven Year Apple, and (1) Bay Cedar for a shoreline stabilization project, to include the replacement of up to 145.6 caliper inches of approved FL #1 dicot or fruit trees to be planted on site. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- 8 Heritage Tree Program Update

Ms. DeMaria updated the Commissioners on the Heritage Tree Program, she has been reviewing all The Heritage Tree Programs in the Country and came up with a Memo/Process and Application for review. Once the process is agreed upon, she will then have it reviewed by Legal, the City Manager's Office, and then City Commission. This was a Discussion Item tonight, Ms. DeMaria will be working on the final Approval/Application process, to be moved forward to the other departments.

- 9 Purchase of Tree Planting Materials

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Madam Vice-Chair Robin Robinson, that the estimate from Quick Sand and Fill Corp be approved to purchase soil. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Administrative Hearing

- 10 2303 Linda Avenue/Bruce Van Allen (owner)
Respondents: Bruce Van Allen & Ernesto Vildostegui
Alleged Violation: Improper trimming of (8) Silver Buttonwood, (1) Gumbo Limbo, and (1) Mahogany tree. Work done without benefit of tree trimming or tree removal permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Kapsch, in accordance with Sec. 110-291 that the City of Key West enter into a settlement agreement with the property owner requiring replanting with 68.4 caliper inches, with each tree being at least 4 inches minimum, from the approved tree list FL #1 to be planted on site, as well as a \$1,000.00 fine from the property owner.

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

- 11 July Tree Permit Report

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comment

- 12 "Official Tree of City of Key West"

Commissioner's Report

Adjournment at 6:20 PM