



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Pope

Present 4 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

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August 10, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

Presentations

- 2 A review of the Monroe County Fertilizer Ordinance (Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use in Urban Landscapes). Presented by: Michelle Leonard-Mularz, Environmental Horticultural Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Service, Monroe County

Attachments: [Extension Service Info-Newsletter and Blog](#)
[Monroe County Fertilizer Ordinance](#)

Received and Filed

Action Items

- 3 2719 Staples Avenue/T20212-0254/Craig Cates
Represented by: Gerald Leggett
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 2719 Staples Ave. to be replaced with 12.2 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:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 4 1416 20th Street ROW/T2021-0260/City of Key West
Represented by: Karen DeMaria
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bulnesia tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Bulnesia tree, at 1416 20th Street to be replaced with 3.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or in close proximity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 5 2933 Seidenberg Avenue/T2021-0256/George A. Sherman
Represented by: Chad Bryant
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 2933 Seidenberg Avenue to be replaced with 6.3 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:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

- 6 1020 Margaret Street/TP2021-0009/Soni & Sons LTD
Partnership
Represented by: Tejas & Krishna Soni
Requesting Final Landscape Plan Approval with tree
removal for a minor development plan to renovate the
property.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Final Report and Application](#)
 [\(LARGE FILE\) Tree Removal Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that the Final Landscape Plan with tree removal for a Minor Development Plan be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

7 145C Peary Court/T2021-0271/Peary Court Apartments
LLC

Represented by: John Hartman

Requesting approval to remove (1) Madras Thorn tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
 [Additional Information](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Madras Thorn tree, at 145C Peary Court to be replaced with 10.5 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:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

8 Approval of an amendment to Sec 110-323 of the Code of
Ordinances establishing Tree Commission and Urban
Forestry fees.

Attachments: [Resolution, Ordinance, and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

9 719 Bakers Lane/T2021-0251/Fred Demshar
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Staff Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, that the Action item be tabled, due to lack of representation, to the end of the meeting.

Afterward, a motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Action Item be Postponed to October 12, 2021, again due to lack of representation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Brown, and Vice Chair Pope

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

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2861 Key Cove Drive/T2021-0267/Key Cove Landings LLC

Represented by: Javier Garrido

Requesting approval to remove shoreline mangrove trees to construct an observation platform.

Attachments: [Application and Additional Information](#)
 [Public Comment](#)

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907 Frances Street/T2021-0270/Bill & Roxanne Bean

Represented by: Kenneth King

Requesting approval to remove (1) Paradise tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

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Reports

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Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [August 2021 Monthly Report](#)
[Yard Maintenance and Landscaper Workshop Flyer](#)
[Green Industries BMP Training Flyer Sept 2021](#)

Received and Filed

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment - 5:45 P.M.