



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Bravo

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Pope, and Commissioner McRAE

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Approval of Agenda - The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.**

#### Approval of Minutes

1 September 7, 2021

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

#### Old Business

2 719 Bakers Lane/T2021-0251/Fred Demshar  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree, at 719 Bakers Lane to be replaced with 11.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and conditioned on submission of the required authorization forms to city staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

**No:** 1 - Vice Chair Pope

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, and Chairman McRAE

- 3** 2861 Key Cove Drive/T2021-0267/Key Cove Landings LLC  
Represented by: Javier Garrido  
Requesting approval to remove approximately 176 square feet of shoreline mangrove trees to construct an observation platform.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of approximately 176 square feet of shoreline mangrove trees, at 2861 Key Cove Drive to be replaced with 7 dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and conditioned on the submission of all required federal and state permits. The motion failed due to lack of second.

Then, a motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Action Item be Postponed to November 9, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

## **New Business**

- 4** 1112 Watson Street/T2021-0288/1112 Watson Street LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sea Grape tree.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sea Grape tree, at 1112 Watson Street to be replaced with 7.9 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:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

- 5                    621 Eaton Street/T2021-0304/Richard Pesce-Eaton St  
Enterprises LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (2) Pink Tabebuia trees.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Pink Tabebuia trees, at 621 Eaton Street to be replaced with 4.9 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:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

- 6                    918 Southard Street/T2021-0272/Thomas S.  
Tucker-Southard Square HOA  
Represented by: John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.
- Withdrawn**

- 7                    900 Fleming Street ROW/T2021-0315/City of Key West  
Represented by: Karen DeMaria-Urban Forestry Manager  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree, at 900 Fleming Street to be replaced with 19.9 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:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

### **Administrative Hearing**

- 8                    3434 Riviera Drive/TC2021-0007/Marcia Peters  
Respondents: CK Trust & Caribbean Blue Services, Inc.  
One Mahogany tree was improperly, heavily trimmed without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit and the work was done improperly (hatracking).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cullen, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Administrative Hearing be Postponed to November 9,**

**2021 and conditioned on obtaining a certified arborist report that advises on the prognosis of the tree and submitting to the Urban Forestry Manager for review by November 1, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bravo

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

## **Reports**

### **9 Urban Forestry Manager's Report**

**Received and Filed**

### **Assistant City Attorney's Report**

### **Public Comments**

### **Commissioner Comments**

### **Adjournment - 6:21 P.M.**