



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall

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

Roll Call

Absent 3 - Commissioner Fuller, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, and the Commission unanimously voted to make Commissioner Cunningham Chair for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 April 10, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

New Business

- 2 611 & 613 Petronia Street/T2023-0119/Whitmarsh Lane LLC-Courtney
Krumel-Mirabal
Represented by: Jaime Trujillo-Islandscapes
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 611 & 613 Petronia Street to be replaced with 10.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3 2501 Harris Avenue/T2023-0120/Christine Kitts
Represented by: Clifton Turner
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mulberry tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mulberry tree at 2501 Harris Avenue to be replaced with 5.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4 7 Aronovitz Lane/T2023-0125/Old Town Key West Development LTD
Represented by: Frank Herrada-FMH Builders
Requesting the approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Report](#)
[\(LARGE FILE\) Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 7 Aronovitz Lane to be replaced with 13.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5 541 White Street-Peary Court Unit 149-C/T2023-0127/Peary Court
Apartments LLC-Jeffrey Cornfeld
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 541 White Street - Peary Court Unit 149-C to be replaced with 3.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6 620 Thomas Street Unit 172/T2023-0131/Michael & Ellen Caron
Represented by: DOT Palm Landscaping, Inc
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.
- Attachments:** [Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) and (2) that the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 620 Thomas Street Unit 172 be denied due to the species, size, location, historical importance, and condition of the tree makes it a unique and rare specimen and the size or location of the tree makes it substantial in and easily accessible to public view. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7 521 Margaret Street/T2023-0132/Fernand Malouin
Represented by: Clifton Turner
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.
- Attachments:** [\(LARGE FILE\) Report](#)
 [\(LARGE FILE\) Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Spanish Lime tree at 521 Margaret Street to be replaced with 40.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.
- 8 3409 Eagle Avenue ROW/T2023-0145/City of Key West
Represented by: Gary Burchfield
The property owner is requesting that the City receive approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree from the right of way.
- Attachments:** [\(LARGE FILE\) Report and Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 3409 Eagle Avenue ROW to be replaced with 15.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site, with the addition of one donated Royal Poinciana tree, of which the planting location shall be determined by the Urban Forestry Manager. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9 1225 Olivia Street/T2023-0118/Tammy Harrow
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (2) Royal Poinciana, (1) Spanish Lime, and (1) Tamarind tree.
- Attachments:** [\(LARGE FILE\) Report](#)
 [Application](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, to table this Action Item to the end of the meeting due to lack of representation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Royal Poinciana trees, (1) Spanish Lime tree, and (1) Tamarind tree at 1225 Olivia Street to be replaced with 47.3 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

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901 Georgia Street/T2023-0136/Susan Henshaw Jones
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this Action Item to the end of the meeting due to lack of representation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 901 Georgia Street 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.

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1200 Margaret Street/T2023-0137/Michael & Dori Bridger
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this Action Item to the end of the meeting due to lack of representation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1200 Margaret Street to be replaced with 19 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

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1403 Patricia Street/T2023-0138/Stacy Blumenthal
Represented by: Kenneth King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana and (1) Wild Tamarind tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this Action Item to the end of the meeting due to lack of representation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree and (1) Wild Tamarind tree at 1403 Patricia Street to be replaced with 23.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list,

FL #1, to be planted on site, to include one Royal Poinciana tree. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Hearing

- 13 1705 Rose Street/TC2023-00001
Property Owners: Rocky Gonet & Dawn Ruell
Respondent: Westerfeld Construction by Glick (CGC)-Frank Pla
A Gumbo Limbo tree was removed without required permits during reconstruction of a house.

Attachments: [\(LARGE FILE\) Notice and Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to approve a settlement agreement between the City of Key West and Respondent Frank Pla of Westerfeld Construction that includes the provision that the Respondent shall replant 10 caliper inches or approved trees, to include one Gumbo Limbo tree, on the site.

Reports

- 14 Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments: [April 2023 Monthly Report](#)
[IFAS Monroe County Extension May 2023 Newsletter](#)

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- 15 City Attorney's Report

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Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment