



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall

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**FOR VISUAL PRESENTATIONS:** For City Commission meetings the City Clerk's Office will need a copy of all presentations for the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting.

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

#### Roll Call

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Bravo, and Commissioner Fuller

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, 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 January 2, 2024

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

#### Old Business

2 633 Duval Street/T2023-0318/Duval Lot LLC-Kimberly  
Blanchette  
Represented by: John Hartman

Requesting approval to remove (1) Laurel Ficus tree.

**Attachments:**     [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Laurel Ficus tree at 633 Duval Street to be replaced with 2.1 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

- 3                   305 Grinnell Street/T2024-0002/Railway Condominium Association, Inc  
Represented by: Sean Creedon-Treeman, LLC  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Paradise tree.

**Attachments:**     [\(LARGE FILE\) Application](#)  
                          [\(LARGE FILE\) Staff Report](#)  
                          [Public Comment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Paradise tree at 305 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 10.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site, to include one shade tree to be planted in the parking lot planter, as required in the original development plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Cullen

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bravo, and Commissioner Fuller

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cunningham, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

- 4                   3514 Duck Avenue/T2024-0008/Helena Brychta  
Represented by: John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 3514 Duck Avenue to be replaced with 22.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5 1724 Bahama Drive/T2024-0009/Robert Coe  
Represented by: John Hartman  
Requesting approval to remove (1) non-native Ficus tree &  
(1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) non-native Ficus tree and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1724 Bahama Drive to be replaced with 7.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6 1100 Virginia Street/T2024-0013/Lynn Delavette  
Represented by: One Call Construction  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla and (1)  
unidentified tree.

**Attachments:**     [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Sapodilla tree and (1) unidentified tree at 1100 Virginia Street to be replaced with 7.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7 1321 Simonton Street/T2024-0031/Meisel Holdings  
FL-1321 Simonton Street LLC  
Represented by: Jeff Swirsky-VP of Operations  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

**Attachments:**     [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1321 Simonton Street 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.

- 8 514 Frances Street/T2024-0017/Norma Dopp LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (5) Spanish Lime trees and  
(1) Royal Poinciana tree.

**Attachments:**     [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (5) Spanish Lime trees and (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 514 Frances Street to be replaced with 29 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site, to include one Royal Poinciana tree as outlined in the prior settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9                    1823 Harris Avenue Alley/T2024-0014/City of Key West  
Represented by: Karen DeMaria  
Property owner requests that the City remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree growing in the rear alley that is impacting his property.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabanas, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 1823 Harris Avenue Alley to be replaced with 9.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on City property. The motion passed unanimously.

- 10                   1300 Tropical Street-Seminary Street  
ROW/T2024-0015/City of Key West  
Represented by: Karen DeMaria  
Property owner is requesting the City remove (1) Strangler Fig tree from the right of way due to tree health.

**Attachments:**     [Application](#)  
                              [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree at the 1300 Tropical Street-Seminary Street ROW to be replaced with 24.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on City property. The motion passed unanimously.

- 11                   2309 Seidenberg Avenue/T2024-0019/Cayman  
Smith-Martin  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Avocado tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner

Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Avocado tree at 2309 Seidenberg 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.

- 12 902 Florida Street/T2024-0020/William Belobraidich  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Bulnesia tree.

Attachments: [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Bulnesia tree at 902 Florida Street to be replaced with 6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13 913 Terry Lane/T2024-0022/Deborah Marshall Snellgrove  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (2) Spanish Lime and (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of the larger Spanish Lime tree (Spanish Lime #1) at 913 Terry Lane to be replaced with 8.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of the smaller Spanish Lime tree (Spanish Lime #2) at 913 Terry Lane to be replaced with 5.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion failed 0-5, with Commissioners Cabanas, Cullen, Cunningham, Pope, and Chairman McCrae voting against.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo at 913 Terry Lane to be replaced with 8.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 14 1200 Margaret Street/T2024-0023/Michael & Dori Bridger  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, 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 17.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL #1, to include one Royal Poinciana tree, to be planted on site. The motion passed unanimously.

- 15 1300 Tropical Street/T2024-0030/Montgomery Family Investments LLC  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments:     [Application and Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 1300 Tropical Street 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 passed unanimously.

**Reports**

- 16 City Attorney's Report

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Attachments:     [January 2024 Monthly Report](#)  
                          [Monroe County IFAS February 2024 Newsletter](#)  
                          [Urban Forestry Council 2024-1 newsletter](#)  
                          [Urban Forestry Managers Report 2.6.24](#)

Received and Filed

**Public Comments**

**Commissioner Comments**

**Adjournment - 6:32 P.M.**