City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | **5:00 PM** | **City Hall**

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

Roll Call

Absent 1 - Commissioner Henriquez

Present 6 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended to include an Add-On City Report-Staffing Update.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 September 15, 2026

Attachments: Minutes

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

Old Business

2 512 Greene Street/ T2026-0137/ 512 Greene Street LLC
Represented by Peter Brawn/ Casey Vinali
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.

Attachments: Assessment & Application
Emergency Permit - Stantec Signature (Revised)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree at 512 Greene Street to be replaced with 12 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or otherwise. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

3 915 Grinnell Street/ T2026-0154/ Havana House LLC
Represented by Kennith King
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mango Tree.

Attachments: Application
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) Mango tree at 915 Grinnell Street to be replaced with 15.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and requesting that the replacement is a Gumbo Limbo tree. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Commissioner Cunningham

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Henriquez

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

4 89 Golf Club Drive / T2026-0160 / John Heidmann
Represented by Shorty's Tree and Lawn Care
Requesting approval to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo

Attachments: Application
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) Gumbo Limbo tree at 89 Golf Club Drive to be replaced with 10.26 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Action Items

5 Approve Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates

Attachments: Proposed Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, that the Action Item be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business Cont'd

6 1100 Simonton Street / T2026-0145/ Matthew Howard
Represented by Shade Trees Services, Dave Black
Requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo Limbo Trees.

Attachments: Application
Staff Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, to table this item to the end of the meeting and await applicant/representative. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Pope, that the Item be Postponed to November 10, 2026. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7 609A Peary Court / T2026-0166 / Peary Court Apartments LLC
Represented by Limbwalkers, LLC - John Hartman
Notifying of an Emergency Tree Removal of (1) Mahogany Tree

Attachments: Application
Staff Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to table this item to the end of the meeting and await applicant/representative. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Subsequently, it was determined that an emergency permit was issued and the Mahogany tree has already been removed; therefore, the application was Withdrawn.

City Report - Staffing Update

Urban Forestry Manager's Report

Assistant City Attorney's Report

Public Comment

Commissioner Comment

Adjournment - 5:45 P.M.