



# City of Key West, FL

City Hall  
1300 White Street  
Key West FL 33040

## Action Minutes - Final

### Tree Commission

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Tuesday, August 13, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall

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**ALL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS (POWER POINT ONLY) FOR AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (24) TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

**Call Meeting To Order at 5:00 PM.**

#### Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Ms. Bravo, Ms. Cabanas, Mr. McRae, Mr. Mellies II, Mr. Pope, Mr. Stotts, and Chairman Jackson

#### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

#### Approval of Minutes

1 July 9, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Misha McRae, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

#### Presentations

2 Jimmy Wray, "From Tree to Table"

Received and Filed

3 Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager-Tree Planting Update

## Received and Filed

## Old Business

- 4 Approval of estimates for trimming of City trees.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Russell Pope, to accept the lowest priced estimates for each job. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 5 1026 Whitehead Street/T2019-0287/Emily Durand  
Represented by: Jan Basil  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Russell Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Spanish Lime tree, at 1026 Whitehead Street to be replaced with 3.9 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, including at least one Spanish Lime tree,FL#1, to be planted on site or donated. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

## New Business

- 6 413 Emma Street A/T2019-0302/Brush Street Trust 2/9/1998  
Represented by: DOT Palm  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Pongam tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Misha McRae, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Pongam tree, at 413 Emma Street to be replaced with 10.6 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.**
- 7 2611 Fogarty Avenue/T2019-0303/Clara Fabal  
Represented by: Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Pink Tabebuia tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Stotts to table this item to the end of the meeting. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**
- 8 1214 Packer Street/T2019-0308/Paul Santero  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 1214 Packer Street to be replaced with 11.6 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.**

- 9 723 Eaton Street/T2019-0310/Douglas Erdman  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Stangler Fig tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 723 Eaton 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. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- No:** 2 - Commissioner Pope, and Commissioner Stotts
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner McRae, Commissioner Mellies II, and Chairman Jackson
- 10 1122 Whitehead Street/T2019-0315/Michael Dwyer  
Requesting approval to remove (8) Green Buttonwood trees.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Tonya Cabanas, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (8) Green Buttonwood trees, at 1122 Whitehead 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. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**
- 11 718 Duval Street/T2019-0341/White Communications  
Represented by: John Cole-Shade Tree Inc  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Strangler Fig tree, at 718 Duval Street 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 by a unanimous vote.**
- 12 1114 Fleming Street/T2019-0350/Thomas R. Williams & Mark Destefano  
Represented by: Kenneth King  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Mellies II, in accordance with Sec.110-327, the approval to remove (1) Mango tree, at 1114 Fleming Street to be replaced with 13.3 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:**
- No:** 1 - Commissioner Stotts
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner McRae, Commissioner Mellies II, Commissioner Pope, and Chairman Jackson
- 7 2611 Fogarty Avenue/T2019-0303/Clara Fabal  
Represented by: Larrie Busloff-Leaping Lizard  
Requesting approval to remove (1) Pink Tabebuia tree.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Neil S. Mellies II, seconded by**

Commissioner Denise Bravo, that the Action Item be Postponed. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

### **Administrative Hearing**

- 13                    801 Waddell Avenue Apt 2/Amanda McNamara (owner)  
Respondent: Roberto Alvarenga  
One Gumbo Limbo tree has been removed without benefit of a tree removal permit.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Denise Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Stotts, in accordance with Sec. 110-291, that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the respondent for removing a Gumbo Limbo tree at 801 Waddell Avenue, Apt. 2 without benefit of a permit. The respondent agreed to replant 3 caliper inches of approved dicot trees, FL#1, from approved list, to be planted onsite. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**
- 14                    914 Thomas Street/Thomas Street Partners LLC (Owners)  
Respondent: Blue Native of the Florida Keys  
One Orange Jasmine, one Blolly, and one Lignum vitae tree that were authorized to be transplanted were cut down and removed in violation of the issued permit.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Russell Pope, seconded by Commissioner Denise Bravo, in accordance with Sec. 110-291, that the City of Key West enter into a compliance settlement agreement with the respondent for removing one Orange Jasmine tree, one Blolly tree, and one Lignum Vitae tree at 914 Thomas Street in violation of an issued transplant permit. The respondent agreed to replant 12.8 caliper inches of approved dicot trees, FL#1, from approved list, to be planted at The Housing Authority of Key West property. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

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

- 15                    Urban Forestry Report
- Received and Filed

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

### **Public Comment**

### **Commissioner's Comment**

**Adjournment at 6:16 PM.**