



**City of Key West
Tree Commission Meeting
March 10, 2008
510 Greene Street, Old City Hall, 5:00 PM
Minutes**

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Tree Commissioners:

 x **Julio Barroso**
 x **Danilo Crespo**
 x **Gregory Curry**
 x **Mimi McCoy Grantham**
 x **Sandra Lee – Chairperson**
 x **Rudy Molinet**
 x **Neils Weise**

Staff:

 x **Larry Erskine**
Asst. City Attorney
 x **Cynthia Domenech-Coogle**
Urban Forestry Program Manager
 x **Gladys Abreda**
Administrative Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

(a) Additions/Changes:

(b) Ms. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle wanted to add for discussion Affordable Housing Resolution and to table (2) Administrative Hearings:

- 1. 1010 Windsor Lane, requested by Mr. Rowe**
 - 2. 730 Eaton Street, son's homeowner needed surgery and he is out of town**
- Motion to approve Mimi McCoy, second Danilo Crespo**

4. Presentations

(a) Urban Forestry Program Manager Report

5. Approval of Minutes tabled due to lack of preparation time from Urban Forestry Program Manager.

- (a) May 14, 2007**
- (b) September 10, 2007**
- (c) October 15, 2007**

(d) January 14, 2008

(e) February 11, 2008

Motion to approve Mimi McCoy, second Danilo Crespo

6. Resolutions Tabled Items:

(a) **508 Amelia Street, Jackie & Dennis Benner:** Represented by Nick Downs, Tarzan Tree Service. Remove Spanish Lime.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Representing owner were Nick Downs and Mr. Carter resident of rear building).

Submitted letter from Rob Delaune, architect, describing buildings on site and dates. Sandra Lee asked about permit for habitable space of back building as it appears it was a shed.

Requested representatives to present permit for habitable space in order to make a decision regarding tree. Tree appears to be at least 100 years old.

Tabled until April 14,'08. Motion to table Gregory Curry, second Rudy Molinet

Replacements:

(b) **300 Petronia Street, Jim Marsh:** Represented by Larrie Busloff, Leaping Lizard Tree Service.

Remove (1) Royal Poinciana.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Landscape plan was requested and presented. Owner is proceeding through DRC and Planning Bd., then to City Commission. Requesting variances for parking, etc.

Replacements: 19 caliper inches of FL#1, native canopy trees, to be planted on site. Tree Permit will be released with Building Permit issuance.

Motion to approve Julio Barroso, second Neils Weise

7. Resolutions:

(a) **523 Elizabeth Street, Jan Isherwood:** Remove (1) Gumbo Limbo

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Owner wishes to retain tree, but tree is leaning on the building at the second floor.

Replacements: 17 caliper inches of FL# 1, native canopy trees, to be planted on site with in 6 months from issuance date.

Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Julio Barroso

(b) **1414 White Street, Robert Wilcox:** Remove (1) Spanish Stopper

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Tree was damaged from subsequent hurricanes and salt-water intrusion. Most of trunk flare is decayed.

Replacements: 11 caliper inches of FL#1, native canopy trees, to be planted on site with in 6 months from issuance date. Past replacement inches will also be inspected at such date of inspection.

Motion to approve Neils Weise, second Rudy Molinet

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8. Administrative Hearing:

(a) **1010 Windsor Ln., Radim Havlicek** Tree works with out permits.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: tabled until April 14, '08, due to delay of paperwork information from landscape office being distributed to opposing attorneys. Opposing attorney for tree trimmer requested tabling.

Motion to table Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Danilo Crespo

(b) **1010 Windsor Ln. St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church**

Represented by Zackary Bentley/Manuel Garcia. Tree work with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: tabled until April 14, '08, due to delay of paperwork information from landscape office being distributed to opposing attorneys. Opposing attorney for tree trimmer requested tabling.

Motion to table Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Danilo Crespo

(c) **316 Elizabeth Street, Mark Orofino:** Noncompliance of past issued permit

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Approved application 08-25-04. Replacements were to be 134" of native tree canopy. Extension given from Tree Commission decision, 09-11-06, as an Administrative Hearing for 6 months. Deadline passed on 03-11-07. Owner is out of town

Motion to table Gregory Curry, second Neils Weise

(d) **730 Eaton Street, James and Patricia Kemp:** Tree work with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Homeowner son's needed surgery and she is with him in Chicago.

Motion to table Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Danilo Crespo

(e) **1835 Flagler Avenue, Advanced Auto Parts:** Tree work with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Homeowner did not showed up for the meeting although office did received certificate letter by mail. Ms. Cynthia Domenech -Coogle will bring to the next meeting the information and all the necessary replacements and measures.

Motion to table Rudy Molinet, second Neils Weise

9. Champion Tree Nomination

Ms. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle said that there are some trees that have potential for Champion Tree, but we have to take in consideration that all fit the criteria, Ms. Sandy Lee agreed because there is specific criteria: canopy, structure, history of the tree and all measurements are required. All tree commissioners should learn how to identify a champion tree. The office has forms that tree commissioners can use as guidance.

10. Staff and Emergency Approval Permits

(a) **1412 Flagler Ave. and 18th street, City Property:** Remove (1) Mahogany Tree due to hazardous unstable condition. **Permit # 5120**

(b) **1700-1708 Flagler Ave., City Key West:** Remove (1) Royal Poinciana. **Permit # 5121**

(c) **1311 Flagler Ave and Tropical Street, City Key West:** Remove (1) Royal Poinciana Tree. **Permit # 5122**

(d) **1800 Blanch Street, Argelia Avalo:** Remove (1) Coconut Palm. **Permit #5123**

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11. Discussion Items:

Ms. Sandra Lee received a letter from Roger Wittenberg; Financial Director City of Key West. Mr. Julio Barroso, May 03, 2008 (Saturday) Keys Energy is going to have a "tree give away". Mr. Norm Easey (in town as an expert witness for City pertaining to St. Mary's administrative hearing) and Ed Gilman will teach a tree pruning class. Classes will be held at Double Tree.

Motion to approve: Rudy Molinet, second Neils Weise.

Motion to adjournment Neils Weise, second Julio Barroso.

Ms. Mimi McCoy Grantham wanted to reopen the commission meeting due to further information, motion to reopen Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Rudy Molinet.

Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Neils Weise

11. Reopened Discussion Items:

Domenech-Coogle said there is a City of Key West Commission Resolution where Key West Housing Authority proposed to replaced 44 dwelling units at the Roosevelt C. Sands Housing Complex on Fort Street owned by Housing Authority that is currently nearly devoid of trees and after the redevelopment will greatly benefit from trees. As stated in resolution:

- (a) Whereas, Section 110-291 of the County Code Authorizes the Tree Commission to enter into settlement agreements with any person who violates the tree protection ordinance (Chapter 110 Article VI) and
- (b) Whereas said settlement agreement may include a donation of the tree or trees to the City of Key West.
- (c) Whereas, Section 110-327 of the City code authorizes that the Tree Commission may approve a removal of a tree if the tree is transplanted to another location or is replaced by an equivalent tree at another location if it is donated to the public a non-profit organization or planted on public in public property with the advice and consent of the Tree Commission and the Engineering Department.
- (d) Whereas, Section 110-433 of the City Code Authorizes that the Tree Commission may require the landscape that would be removed due to a median cut of driveway to be moved to another publicly owned location. Now therefore be it resolved.
- (e) That the site of the proposed redevelopment of 44 dwelling units of the Roosevelt C. Sands Housing Complex on Fort Street shall be used as a location for mitigation and replacement trees donated to the city is eligible pursuant to Sections 110-291, 327 and 433.

Ms. Sandra Lee, Tree Commission Chairperson and Ms. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle, Urban Forestry Program Manager, will sign resolution.

Motion to approve resolution Julio Barroso, second Mimi McCoy Grantham.

Motion to adjourn Julio Barroso, second Neils Weise.

