



**City of Key West
Tree Commission Meeting
January 14, 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**
 - **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:

4. Presentations

(a)Urban Forestry Program Manager Report

Ms. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle, Urban Forestry Program Manager, reported replacements made at 1100 Johnson and Walton; replaced 101 inches on the site all native plantings.

Parrot Key Hotel has currently over 144 inches of trees planted in the new landscape; all are Fl #1

City of Key West has received the Tree City U.S.A, Arbor Day Award recognition from Department of Agriculture. A plaque and flag were presented. The recognition was given at the regular city commission meeting by the mayor and representative from Dept of Agriculture. Tree Commission was joined by Sunset Rotary and the Woman's Club for Arbor Day recognition by planting the pocket park at Patterson and 8th, and Flagler and 6th respectively.

5. Approval of Minutes

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

Motion to approve minutes for the month of December 10, 2007 Rudy Molinet, second

6. Resolutions Tabled Items

(a) 326 Duval & 417 Eaton Street, Southern Cross Hotel: Represented by Debra Yates. Approval of Landscape plans.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Motion to approve plans: Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Neils Weise

(b) 1320 Simonton Street, Blue Marlin Motel: Represented by Debra Yates.

Approval of landscape plans.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Notes: Motion to approve the plan Rudy Molinet, second Neils Weise

7. Resolutions:

(a) 917 Southard Street, Mark & Jen Robino: Represented by Dan's Tropical Tree. Remove (1) Gumbo Limbo

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Mr. Kramer stated the Gumbo Limbo is only 3 feet from the edge of swimming pool.

Notes: Motion to approve Julio Barroso, second Neils Weise

Replacements: 17 " native canopy trees of choice, FL #1, to be planted on site.

(b) 926 Duval Street, Jack Appel and Milton Appel: Represented by Scott Montgomery. Approval of landscape plan for electric car sales business.

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Mr. Montgomery said that the owner will keep the cars stored at 926 but the rental office is at Duval and Truman. Mr. Rudy suggested planting against the blank wall. A landscape buffer will be planted around and in front of property.

Notes: Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Neils Weise

Replacements:

8. Administrative Hearing:

(a) 931 Toppino Dr. Birchwood Development Company/Dooley Mack

Represented by Christian Sautter, Esq. Tree work and removals with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Company admitted to the removal of 1 Washingtonia Palm and 2 Sabal Palms

Notes: Motion to approve Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Rudy Molinet

Replacements: 2 Sabal Palms, like or better size than prior and 1 native palm of choice Fl#1, minimum of 4' height, also to include landscape plan consistent with LDR-Landscaping ordinances. Support and maintain 2 Sabal Palms impacted by ADA ramp during construction, i.e., watering, fertilizing etc. Palms shall be replaced with like if they die.

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

Represented by Radim Havlicek/Zackary Bentley. Tree work with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Tabled until 02-11-08 Tree Commission Meeting

Notes: Motion of Table Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Julio Barroso

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

Represented by. Radim Havlicek/Zackary Bentley. Tree abuse with out permits

Approved Denied Table Further Action

Tabled until 02-11-08 Tree Commission Meeting

Notes: Motion to table Mimi McCoy Grantham, second Julio Barroso

9. Champion Tree Nomination: none made

10. Staff and Emergency Approval Permits

(a) 629 William St., Phillip Tenney, Rep. Steve Schievelbein remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm. Permit #5097

(b) 1015 Fleming St., Mike Eden, Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm. Permit #5098

(c) 1028 Virginia St, Lynn de la Vatore. Remove (1) Washingtonia palm. Replace with (1) native palm. Permit # 5099

(d) 1122 Von Phister Street, Charles Close, Remove (1) Royal Poinciana, replace with 16 caliper inches of native canopy trees Permit # 5110

(e) 1214 Washington Street, Denny Ellerman: Remove (5) Montgomery Palms Replace with (5) native palms Permit # 5111

1. Discussion Items:

Rudy Molinet asked Ms. Cynthia two questions, first question what happened with Conch Harbor Marina; they met with tree commissioners because it was an emergency and seven months later nothing has been done, Cynthia explained that Mr. Erskine, Assistant City Attorney had a met with their attorney from Conch Harbor Marina and have signed the concession agreement. They will start working week of January 21 and they will complete by end of next month; also Mr. Rudy stated other question is that he noticed Monroe County has used prisoners to do maintenance and he wondered because of lack of budget if she plans to do the same, Cynthia response was no due to logistics of supervision.

Mr. Barroso wanted to know if we have a place for example in Bay View Park or a designated area to display the flag from Arbor Day Tree City USA, Cynthia said the flag could be placed at the entrance to the City of Key West. The flag is printed "Tree City U.S.A.". Sunrise Rotary has put up a beautiful sign that says, Welcome to the Conch Republic. Rudy said that Mr. Toppino and Mr. Mosher would be very happy to donate the material. Mr. Rudy said they need help from DOT to make the signs. Rotary has the people that are able to pay for it.

Cynthia said they have landscaped 2 pocket parks; one at Flagler Ave. and 6th with funds from the Woman's Club and the other at Patterson and 8th Street, with funds from Sunset Rotary and Tree Commission funds. All plants are native.

Mr. Julio Barroso, said that will be another pocket park, in honor of Mr. Gato, and will be located behind the First State Bank., named "The Gato Village Park". It will be inaugurated the month of February.