



**City of Key West  
Tree Commission Meeting  
October 20 , 2008  
510 Greene Street, Old City Hall, 5:00 PM  
Minutes**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**Tree Commissioners:**

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

**Staff:**

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

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**(a) Additions/Changes:**

Gregory Curry requested to discuss trimming trees at cemetery and Sandra Lee requested discussion of Mahoganies on Simonton. Motion Rudy Molinet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Danilo Crespo

**4. Presentations**

**Urban Forestry Program Manager Report**

**(1) Botanical Gardens Update, Peter Batty Jr.**

Ms. Carolann Sharkey and Mr. Peter Rysman gave a brief presentation regarding the construction of the large pond and improvements to the 'Botanical Gardens Addition'

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**(a) May 14, 2007**

**(b) September 10, 2007**

**(c) October 15, 2007**

**(d) August 11, 2008**

**(e) September 8, 2008 Meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Ike**

Motion to Table: Rudy Molinet, second Danilo Crespo

## 6. Resolutions Tabled Items:

- (a) **830 Truman Ave. (El Rancho Motel) Tejas Inc:** Represented by Gonzalez Arch., Landscape Plan Approval.  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Motion to table Rudy Molinet, second Danilo Crespo
- (b) **9 Pierce Lane, Adam Kraszewicz:** Represented by Kenneth King. Remove (1) Orchid Tree.  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Gregory Curry, second Neils Weise  
**Replacements:** 13.50 caliper inches of native canopy trees Fl #1, planted on site
- (c) **322 Duval Street, State of Florida Department of State and Historic Resources:**  
Represented by Hubert E. Baxter. Maintenance to Spanish Lime  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Ms. Diane Silvia represented the State of Florida; discussion suggests the State has three options and locations to build ramp. State chose option to build ramp between historic Spanish lime tree and building. (Tree Commission has not endorsed any options at this time.) That option was bid and came in over budget. Tree Commission suggests either 'a lift or locating the ramp to North side of building  
Motion to Table Niels Weise, second Rudy Molinet until onsite meeting can be scheduled.

## Resolutions:

- (a) **201 William Street/City of Key West (Lazy Way Lane):** Represented by Marilyn Wilbarger. Remove (1) Gumbo Limbo and (1) Christmas Palm.  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Motion to Table Rudy Molinet, second Niels Weise. Table due to lack of representation
- (b) **3341 Riviera Drive, Edward & Colleen Gartenmayer:** Remove Royal Poinciana  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Niels Weise, second Danilo Crespo.  
**Replacements:** Replace with 12 caliper inches of native canopy trees of choice, Fl#1
- (c) **206 Olivia Street, Jacqueline McPhillips:** Represented by Rob Porcaro. Remove (2) Spanish Limes.  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     Further Action  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Gregory Curry, second Niels Weise  
**Replacements:** Replace 16 caliper inches native canopy, Fl #1 of choice.
- (d) **809 Truman Ave, Wiener I. Family LTD Partnership:** Represented by Scott Montgomery. Remove (1) Poinciana tree.  
 Approved     Denied     Tabled     No Further Action     Further Action  
**Notes:** homeowner requested item be remove from agenda  
Motion to remove from agenda: Rudy Molinet, second Danilo Crespo.
- (e) **3707 Flagler Ave. City of Key West/Easement:** Represented by Cynthia Domenech-Coogle and Carlos and Carlos resident. Remove (1) Jamaican Dogwood and (1) Strangler Ficus in easement.  
 Approved     Denied     Table     Further Action  
**Notes:** letter received and read into record from David & Christine Ballard concerning Ficus in the easement. Concern of damage to concrete wall abutting easement during tree removal at 3702 Eagle Avenue. Tree Commissioners Molinet and Crespo requested a survey to affirm the ownership of tree.  
Motion to Table Niels Weise, second Rudy Molinet. until Mr. Carlos Ysidro brings in the property survey.

- (f) **918-920 Center Street, Naomi Van Steelandt:** Remove (1) Sapodilla Tree. Mr. Larrie Buslof/Leaping Service,  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Niels Weise, second Gregory Curry  
**Replacements:** 15.6 caliper inches of native canopy, Fl#1
- (g) **277 Golf Club Drive, Don & Kathleen Sokolik:** Represented by Dot Palm Inc. Remove Gumbo Limbo.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Motion to remove Danilo Crespo, second Niels Weise  
**Replacements:** 7.4 caliper inches canopy, Fl #1 of choice.
- (h) **302 Amelia Street, Steve Habberstad:** Represented by Garret Jackson. Remove (2) Almond Trees and (3) Spanish Limes.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Almonds Trees are less than 2 feet in diameter permit not required,  
2 Spanish Limes located in 302 Amelia, other Spanish Lime at property of Mr. Robert Burchett at 1125 Thomas Street.  
Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Niels Weise.  
**Replacement:** 14 inches caliper canopy Fl #1, on site for Mr. Steve Habberstad and 16.8 caliper inches, which will be paid by Mr. Habberstad \$150.00 per inch making a total of \$2520.00 donated to the Tree Replacement Fund.
- (i) **Southard Street, Truman Annex Master POA:** Remove (1) Poinciana and (1) Gumbo Limbo.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Transplant (1) Poinciana tree to city property on Truman Annex.  
Motion to approve Gregory Curry, second Rudy Molinet
- (j) **620 Thomas Street, Shipyard Parking Lot, Shipyard Condominium Association Inc,** Sterling Christian: Transplant Gumbo Limbo  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Transplant Gumbo Limbo with 1 year survivability. If Gumbo Limbo dies replacement of 11 caliper inches of native canopy, FL #1.  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Gregory Curry, second Niels Weise
- (k) **111 Olivia Street, City of Key West,** Cynthia Domenech-Coogle: Remove (1) Calophyllum Tree.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Niels Weise
- (l) **627 Palm Avenue City of Key West, Cynthia Domenech-Coogle: DOT Building.** Remove Gumbo Limbo.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Niels Weise, second Rudy Molinet
- (m) **327-329 William Street, George J. Mentonis:** Represented by Larrie Busloff, Leaping Services. Maintenance of Spanish Lime.  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Table** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Motioned Gregory Curry, second Niels Weise.

## 8. Administrative Table Hearing:

- (a) **1835 Flagler Avenue, Advanced Auto Parts:** Tree work with out permits  
(x) **Approved** ( ) **Denied** ( ) **Tabled** ( ) **Further Action**  
**Notes:** Mr. Randy Barton Property Management Administrator from Advance Stores Co. faxed a letter to Landscape office stating company will accepted the compliance settlement agreement of \$4,000.00 and hire an arborist who will maintain the trees in healthy conditions for 5 years.  
**Notes:** Motion to approve Rudy Molinet, second Gregory Curry.

## 9. Champion Tree Nomination

### 10. Discussion Items

Gregory Curry discussed the condition of the trees at the cemetery and wished they to be trimmed. Staff responded the city was not permitted to trim or remove trees on private property. Gregory also stated that he was driven around Key West and has seen the people contracted by Keys Energy cutting trees with no consideration,

Ms. Sandra Lee commented the trees along Simonton are getting very old, are being damaged by vehicles and hurricanes. We should take a closer look at each tree and determine which trees are in decline. Also, to plan for the very near future of perhaps removals and replacements of trees on the corridor of Simonton Street. We should meet with neighbors and explain the situation and the importance of it. Requested to have KES attend next meeting to discuss lifting utility lines perhaps relocating poles.

Niels commented that the sidewalk is cracking and lifted.

### 11. Staff and Emergency Approval Permits

- (e) **1800 Atlantic Condos. (Emergency):** Remove (1) Erythrina Tree. **Permit 5212**
- (a) **1022 Packer Street, Rob & Bonnie Gothier:** Remove (1) Coconut Palm. **Permit 5208**
- (b) **621 Louisa Street, Jamie, Joyce & Nela Benavides:** Remove (1) Gumbo Limbo. **Emergency Permit 5209**
- (c) **1704 South Street, Barbara Burke:** Remove (1) Areca Palm. **Permit 5210**
- (d) **617 Fleming Street, Campbell Court Yard Condo:** Remove (1) Coconut Palm.
- (f) **1106 Windsor Lane, Marc Home:** Remove (1) Coconut Palm. **Permit 5213**
- (g) **2201 Seidenberg Ave. Jorge Marrero:** Remove (2) Coconut Palms. **Permit 5214**
- (h) **1507 Grinnell Street, Bill and Peyton:** Remove (1) Coconut Palm. **Permit 5215**
- (i) **1310 Olivia Street, Linda C. Cunningham:** Remove (3) Coconuts Palms. **Permit 5216.**
- (j) **318 Admiral Lane, Jeff Chesson:** Remove (7) Washingtonia Palms. **Permit 5217**
- (k) **320 Admiral Lane, Jim Harold:** Remove (1) Chinese Fan Palm & (1) Washingtonia Palm. **Permit 5218**

**Adjourned 7:p.m Motion to approve Gregory Curry, Niels Weise**