



**City of Key West  
Tree Commission Meeting  
August 10, 2009  
510 Greene Street, Old City Hall, 5:00 PM  
Minutes**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**Tree Commissioners:**

<u>    x    </u>	<b>Danilo Crespo</b>
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Gregory Curry</b>
<u>    -    </u>	<b>Mimi McCoy Grantham</b>
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Rudy Molinet, Chair</b>
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Niels Weise</b>
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Ashish Soni</b>
	<b>Staff:</b>
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Ronald Ramsingh</b> Asst. City Attorney
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Cynthia Domenech-Coogle</b> Urban Forestry Program Manager
<u>    x    </u>	<b>Gladys Abreda</b> Administrative Secretary

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**a) Additions/Changes:**

Rudy has an item to add at the end of the agenda as a discussion on procedures. Staff requested permission to attend a seminar.

**4. Presentations**

**Urban Forestry Program Manager Report**

Staff discussed new product, FLEXI-PAVE, used on Duval for tree grate replacement. Product is completely pervious, looks great and will hold up to the abuse. It is also less expensive than concrete and has numerous uses as well as being ADA compliant. Chair Mr. Molinet requested an update on tree purchase for the Frances Street neighborhood planting. Staff explained the bid process for the purchase of trees. The bid winner was Tree World in Homestead - \$9,200.00. A purchase order is required before purchase. Trees being purchased are: 8 Gumbo Limbo, 2 Mahogany, 4 Cassia

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grandis, 4 Cassia bakeriana, 8 Silver Buttonwood, 4 Wild Tamarind, 8 Orange Geiger, 2 Sabicu, and 4 Bulnesia, to include delivery. Staff requested attendance for a Tree Appraisal Seminar in Ft. Lauderdale for continuing education and update of procedures. Cost of class is \$145 plus hotel; total cost should not be more than \$350.00. Decision unanimous. Staff also mentioned included in packets results for '08 and current of '09 Tree Commission decisions regarding number of permits issued including approvals, denials, donations received and the total amount of caliper inches of replacements.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

(a) **May 14, 2007**

(b) **September 10, 2007**

(c) **April 13, 2009**

(d) **June 8, 2009**

(e) **July 27, 2009**

Motion to approve July 27/09 minutes; Mr. Curry, second Mr. Weise. Staff asked Mr. Ramsingh, Asst. City Attorney if it was permissible to email Tree Commissioners the minutes. He replied in affirmation.

**6. Resolutions Tabled Items: na**

**7. Resolutions:**

(a) **1103 Thomas Street, Jay Kazmarck:** Represented by Dan's Tropical Tree Service. Remove (1) Poinciana tree.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. Cramer stated tree was damaged by hurricane.

Staff stated entire top of tree had failed

No public input

Motion to approve remove Poinciana tree Mr. Weise, second Mr. Curry.

**Replacements:** 14 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit # 5380**

(b) **Shipyard Condominiums:** Represented by Sterling Christian. Remove (1) Strangler Ficus and Sand Box tree in parking lot.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Original tree, Sandbox, is decayed, hollow and has been impacted by Strangler fig.

No public input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Soni.

**Replacement:** 15 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit #5391**

(c) **Shipyard Condominiums, Unit 152:** Represented by Sterling Christian. Remove (1) Peltoforum (Goldenrod) tree.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Staff stated tree is growing on top of 2 water and 2 sewer lines

No public input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo

**Replacement:** 4 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit #5382**

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**(d) Truman Annex, Master POA** Represented by Sterling Christian. Remove

(1) Ficus tree at entrance on historic wall.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Tree cracking historic wall. No permit required tree less than 2' diameter.

No public input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo.

**(e) Truman Annex Master POA (Southard Street):** Represented by Sterling

Christian. Transplant (1) Mahogany tree.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Tree small enough to survive transplant

No public Input

Motion to approve the transplant of (1) Mahogany tree to corridor with one year of survivability Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo.

**Replacement:** 5.3 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit #5383**

**(f) Truman Annex Master POA(Thomas Street):** Represented by Sterling Christian.

Remove (1) Poinciana and (2) Mahogany trees.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Trees need to be removed to widen road around guardhouse as per Navy.

Mr. Christian stated in 2005 these 3 trees were looked at for removal.

Mr. Molinet stated that there are quite a lot of replacement inches and that the replacement trees should be planted near the removals along Angela Street or they can adopt a block of their choice.

No public Input

Motion to approve Mahogany #1 and #2, and Poinciana tree with replacements being replanted along Angela Street, adopt a block, and or a donation of \$150.00, per caliper inch, to be coordinated with staff, Mr. Weise, Mr. Crespo

**Replacements:** 43 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit #5384**

**(g) 1111 Varela Street, Richard Leal:** Represented by Kenneth King/ Golden Bough Tree Service. Remove (2) Avocados, (1) Sour Orange tree.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. King stated the trees are in poor condition, staff concurs. Mr. Molinet commented to Tree Commission they have the ability to request the same species for replacement.

No public input

**Replacements:** 18.4 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. Motion to approve either with the same fruit trees or native trees, Mr. Curry, second Niels Weise. **Permit #5385**

**(h) 1212 Newton Street, Doug Siemon:** Requesting to donate to tree replacement fund in lieu of replanting.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Homeowner not in attendance; letter submitted, Mr. Ramsingh advised commissioners to table item based on rules of evidence.

Motion to table Mr. Curry, second Mr. Weise.

- (i) **512 Greene Street LLC, Peter Brawn/manager:** Represented by Trepanier & Associates/Scott Montgomery Native Landscape Design. Landscape Plan Approval.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. Montgomery stated in the northeast corner of property he located a Gumbo Limbo not on the original tree disposition and wants to retain the tree. Staff stated the parking lot need more trees and the remaining trees should be protected prior to the start of project with a barricade inspection. Landscape plan is adequate except for the Magnolia tree which needs to be changed. Staff recommends moving plan on to the Planning Bd. but to submit new plans to staff to review and submit to tree commission as information.

No public Input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Soni. **Permit #5386**

- (j) **521 Louisa Street, Gordon Kirkman:** Represented by Paul Hayes/Dean Carlson. Remove (1) Mango tree.

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

Mr. Crespo asked the applicant if they are able to plant the require inches.

Applicant gave affirmation.

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo

**Replacement:** 7 caliper inches native canopy trees of choice, Fl #1, to be planted on site. **Permit #5387**

- (k) **3675 Seaside Drive, Roger Holtkamp/manager:** Remove (4) Sabal palms

**Approved**     **Denied**     **Tabled**     **Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. Weise recused himself as recipient of palms. Mr. Holtkamp stated the 4 beautiful Sabal palms have to be transplanted or removed because they have to repair the stucco and windows to prevent water intrusion on northeast corner and to place scaffolding between palms and building. They were planted very close to building. Seaside Condos will be the recipients of transplants.

Staff suggests Sabal palms transplant well.

No public input

Motion to approve the transplant Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Soni.

**Replacement:** 18'-20' with 1 year survivability. **Permit #5388**

## 8. Administrative Hearing

## 9. Champion Tree Nomination:

## 10. Discussion Items:

Mr. Molinet, chair discussed cancelling September meeting. Only one application currently submitted. He will be out of town on vacation the entire month.

Motion to approve the cancellation of September meeting Mr. Curry, second Mr. Weise. Unanimous

Mr. Molinet also discussed in order to have a more efficient meeting presenters should have no more than 10 minutes to present case and 5 more minutes at

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discretion of chair; except for public input, there is no time limit. The agenda will be applications first for removal or transplant and second will be plan approval; the idea is to speed up meeting but not rush.

Unanimous

Last proposal is that each tree commissioner, submit at each meeting, a nomination for a champion tree. Consider species, age, size, and condition. Mr. Curry suggests speaking with the homeowner first for agreement, if he agrees then put on agenda and award plaque at ceremony where the tree is located.

Unanimous

### 11. Staff and Emergency Approval Permits

- (a) **900 White Street, Dan Vergunst.** Remove (2) Coconut palms. **Permit # 5354**
- (b) **324 William Street, Ed Schmanski.** Removed (4) Christmas palms and (1) Chinese Fan palm. **Permit #5355**
- (c) **1209 Olivia Street, Kathleen Husted.** Remove (2) Coconut palms. **Permit # 5356**
- (d) **910 United Street, Gordon MacDowell.** Emergency Remove (1) Poinciana tree. **Permit # 5357**
- (e) **910 United Street, Gordon MacDowell.** Remove (2) Coconut palms. **Permit # 5358.**
- (f) **1110 Petronia Street, Joseph Baxter & Angela Thimis.** Remove (6) Coconuts palms. **Permit #5359**
- (g) **901 White Street, Ken Pierce.** Remove (1) Alexander palm. **Permit #5360**
- (h) **328 Whitehead Street, John Hallick.** Remove (1) Coconut Palm. **Permit #5367**

Adjourned 6:05 pm

Motion Mr. Weise, second Mr. Soni