



**City of Key West  
Tree Commission Meeting  
December 14, 2009  
525 Angela Street, ADA Conference Room, 5:00 PM  
Minutes**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

**Tree Commissioners:**

    x    **Danilo Crespo**  
    x    **Gregory Curry**  
    x    **Mimi McCoy Grantham**  
    x    **Rudy Molinet**  
    -    **Niels Weise**  
    x    **Ashish Soni**

**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:**

Mr. Curry requested adding to agenda, the Plant Native List to discussion items. Staff suggested removing from the agenda 5555 College Road project until they are ready, perhaps February 2010.

**Motion to approve two additions/changes Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Curry.**

- 4. Presentations**

**Urban Forestry Program Manager Report**

Staff discussed Urban Forestry and tree protection power point presentation to the 'Lunch and Learn', Reality Association. Also discussed was the Gumbo Limbo transplant at Lazy Way being successful. The tree was moved closer to the waterfront from an area soon to be under construction. Staff also discussed and requested funds from the Tree

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Commission 'Tree Replacement Fund', to landscape Flagler Ave. since no money had been built into the budget for landscaping the corridor. Local designers, Carl Gilley of Carl Gilley Landscape Design/Thrinax Inc., Craig Reynolds of Craig Reynolds Landscape Architecture, Evan Bell of Ecoscapes, and Scott Montgomery of Native Landscape Design have donated their expertise and will be drawing and designing the entire corridor of Flagler Ave.

Chairman, Mr. Molinet discussed the project of planting the neighborhood of Southard, Frances and Grinnell had begun by the city's landscape department. Three new trees; Gumbo Limbo's, have been planted in front of Café Sole at Southard and Frances.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**(a) November 09, 2009**

Staff requested the minutes for November 09, 2009 to be tabled.

**Motion to table Minutes for November 09/2009. Ms. McCoy-Grantham, second Mr. Curry.**

**6. Resolutions Tabled Items:**

**(b) 1124/1126 Margaret Street, Sam Dickson:** Represented by Dan's/ Tropical Tree Service. Remove (3) Queen palms, (1) Gumbo Limbo, (1) Areca palm and (1) Shaving brush tree.

**( x ) Approved    ( ) Denied    ( ) Tabled    ( ) Further Action**

**Notes:** Dan's/Tropical service and Mr. Ed Zaplicki represented Mr. Sam Dickson. Discussions ensued describing rehabilitation of buildings and grounds and have been granted a permit to demolish a cottage at rear of property. Staff discussed Gumbo Limbo resting and growing on rear cottage. The property is commercial and rear cottage is not historic.

Public Input: Mrs. Joyce Drake, at 1122 Margaret Street, voiced disagreement regarding the removal of the Gumbo Limbo. She stated it is protected and has been growing on the property for many years and feels that the tree is a champion.

Discussion ensued about working around the tree. The decision regarding the Gumbo Limbo will be determined by the renovation or demolishing of cottage. Large Poinciana at entrance will be barricaded and protected during construction.

**Motion to approve removal of (1) Shaving Brush tree, (1) Areca palm and (3) Queen palms. Gumbo Limbo tree removal request is tabled until later date .**

**Replacement: 8.2" caliper inches, native canopy trees, Fl #1, to be planted on site. Ms. McCoy- Grantham, second Mr. Crespo.**

**(c) 518 Margaret Street, Sam Dickson:** Represented by Dan's Tropical Tree Service. Remove (1) Ficus tree.

**(x) Approved    ( ) Denied    ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**

**Notes:** Dan's/Tropical Tree Service represented the homeowner. Discussed Ficus tree will destroy the house. Tree is lifting the porch and is an invasive species.

No Public Input

**Motion to approve Mr. Soni, second Mr. Crespo**

**Replacements: 3" caliper inches, native canopy trees, Fl#1, to be planted on site.**

**7. Resolutions:**

- (a) **City Key West ROW /Frances SW corner at Southard:** Transplant (1) Silver Saw Palmetto and (1) Joewood.  
**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** Transplant both trees to pocket park at Grinnell and & Angela St.  
No Public Input  
**Replacements:** (1) year survivability or replace with like if plants demise.
- (b) **1120 Johnson Street, P.B. Richards:** Remove (4) Royal palms & (1) Fishtail palm  
**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** Mr. Richards discussed the Royal palms and Fishtail palm is pushing over his retaining wall.  
No public Input  
**Motion to approve Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Curry**  
**Replacement: 5 native palms 4' minimum height, Fl #1, to be planted on site.**
- (c) **744 & 746 Windsor Lane, Steve Selka:** Represented by John Mumford. Remove (1) Avocado tree.  
**( ) Approved ( ) Denied (x) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** No representation at meeting.  
No Public Input  
**Motion to table Mr. Curry, second Mr. Crespo**
- (d) **3333 Duck Ave. #A-107/Key West Polo Club Apartments:** Represented by Barry Christopher Fewell. Transplant (4) Sabal palms.  
**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** Mr. Barry stated a handicapped ramp is required for property.  
No public Input  
**Motion to approve Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Soni**  
**Replacements: (1) year survivability.**
- (e) **City of Key West ROW/801 William Street NE Corner:** Remove (1) Black Olive tree.  
**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** Tree is less than 2 foot and does not require a permit. A storm water box will be installed at said location.  
No public Input  
**Motion to approve Mr. Crespo, second Ms. McCoy Grantham.**
- (f) **3740 Sunrise Lane, George Robb:** Represented by Colin White. Transplant (2) Gumbo Limbo trees.  
**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**  
**Notes:** Staff suggested the Gumbo Limbos to be transplanted to the pocket park at Flagler and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.  
No public Input  
**Motion to approve Ms. McCoy-Grantham, second Mr. Crespo.**  
**Replacements: 1 year survivability or replace with like.**

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**(g) 524 Eaton Street, Lynn Kephart: Landscape Plan Approval**

**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. Kephart discussed the landscape plan and major issues facing the development.

No Public Input

**Motion to approve Mr. Crespo, second Ms. McCoy-Grantham**

**(h) 1009 South Street, Robin Shanley: Remove (2) Poinciana trees.**

**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**

**Notes:** Mr. Shanley discussed the issues with the Poinciana's.

No Public Input

**Motion to approve Ms. McCoy-Grantham, second Mr. Crespo**

**Replacements: 26.6" caliper inches of native canopy trees, Fl #1, to be planted on site.**

**(i) AT&T, 813 Galveston Lane/ SW Corner Bill Butler Park: Transplant Green Thatch palm.**

**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**

**Notes:** AT&T is requesting to transplant palm in order to install a communications box.

No public Input

**Motion to approve Mr. Curry, second Mr. Crespo**

**Replacements: 1 year survivability or replace with like.**

**8. Administrative Hearing: na**

**9. Champion Tree Nomination:**

**10. Advance Pruning Practices with Dr. Ed Gilman: Wednesday, January 6, 2010, West Palm Beach, for staff attendance.**

**(x) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Tabled ( ) Further Action**

**Motion to approve Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Soni.**

**11. Calendar Meeting Date Approval - 2010**

**Change June 14 to June 21/2009, Cancel month of September/2010**

**Motion to approve Mr. Curry, second Mr. Crespo**

**12. Discussion Items:**

**(a) City of Key West Tree Commission First Bi-Annual 'Native Tree Give Away'**

Discussion of feasibility. Mr. Ramsingh suggested an educational class prior to tree give away as per ordinance 110-287 and have city manager approve project. A tour of McCoy Indigenous Park was suggested as well, and limit registration to 100 participants. Discussion regarding plant size. Mr. Curry will bring plant list to next meeting.

**(b) Discussion by Mr. Curry requesting that a link be developed on the City's Tree Commission web page linking pictures of native trees. Staff will contact IT department.**

**13. Palm Mitigation Fee**

**Motion to approve Mitigation Fee of \$220.00 per tree, Mr. Curry, second Mr. Crespo**

**Staff and Emergency Approval Permits**

- (a) **530 White Street, Roseanne Rudolphi: Emergency.** Remove (1) Poinciana tree at rear yard. Replace with (1) 8'-10' minimum native canopy Fl #1. **Permit #5417.**
- (b) **1218 South Street, John Bollinger: Emergency.** Remove (1) Poinciana tree. Replace with (1) 8'-10' minimum native canopy Fl #1. **Permit #5418.**
- (c) **51 Front Street, John Behmke:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) 4' minimum height, native palm Fl #1. **Permit #5419.**
- (d) **1034 Catherine Street, Shirley Goodroe: Emergency.** Remove (1) Avocado tree. Replace with (1) 8'-10', native canopy tree of choice Fl #1. **Permit #5420.**
- (e) **744-746 Windsor Lane, Steve Selka:** Remove (1) Coconut palm, (1) Chinese Fan palm and (1) Alexander palm. Replace with (3) 4' minimum height, native palms, Fl#1. **Permit #5421.**
- (f) **726 Poorhouse Lane, Frank Antonich:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) 4' minimum height, native palm Fl#1. **Permit #5422.**
- (g) **2411 Flagler Ave. Steven Barr:** Remove (5) Coconut palms. Replace with (5) 4' minimum height, native palms Fl #1. **Permit #5423.**
- (h) **1728 Laird Street, Luis Jauregui:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) 4' minimum height, native palm Fl#1. **Permit #5431.**
- (i) **512 Greene Street, Trepanier Associates:** Remove (1) Coconut palm, (6) Christmas palms, (2) Mac/Arthur palms and (1) Alexander Palm. Replace with (10) 4' minimum height, native palms Fl#1. **Permit #5432.**

**Adjourned Mr. Crespo, second Mr. Curry 7:00 p.m.**