STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 28, 2014

RE: 3743 Donald Avenue (permit application #6864)

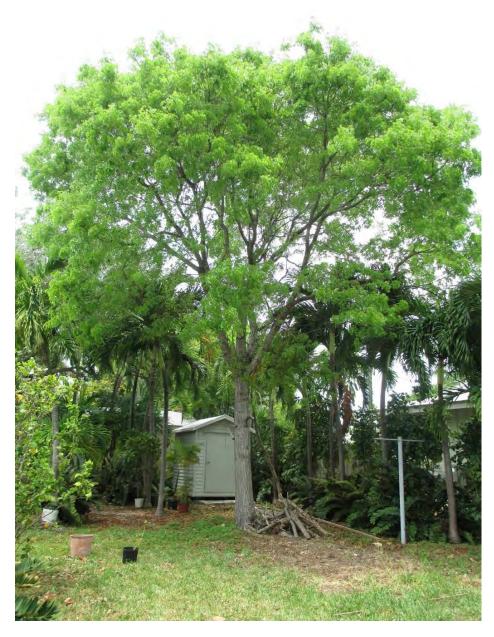
FROM: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager,

City of Key West

An application was received for the removal **of (1) Mahogany**. A permit was issued on May 14, 2014 to transplant the tree to a different location on the property. The property owner has decided to seek removal of the tree. A site inspection was done on April 24, 2014 and documented the following:



Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Diameter: 13"

Location: 80% (no issues presently, property owner wants to build a pool in

this location)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (fair to good, previous owner used to cut the top off the

canopy)

Total Average Value = 83%

Value x Diameter = **10.8 replacement caliper inches**







NOTE: Other vegetation in the area including palm trees, may need permits to remove or transplant. Those trees are not addressed in this application.

Applicant has received a permit from the building department to install a pool in the area where the mahogany tree is located.

Another mahogany tree closer to 20th Street was removed on or about June 14, 2014 via an emergency removal permit due to the unauthorized removal of structural roots by the fence contractor. That mahogany tree will be handled via an administrative hearing.

The property owner has plans for landscaping the yard once construction is completed.

Photos taken May 2014.



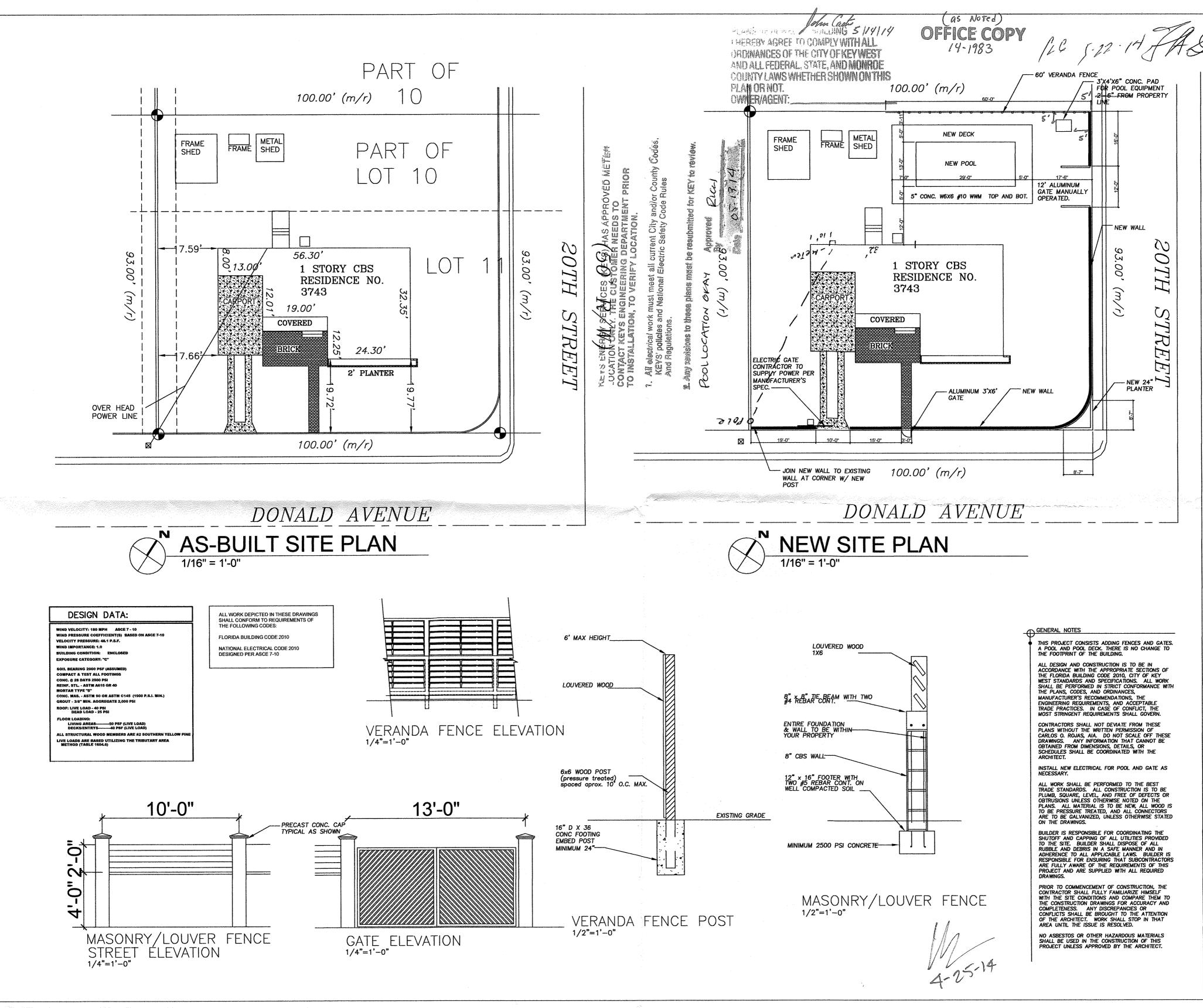
Standing on Donald Avenue looking at property.







Standing on Donald Avenue near the intersection with 20th Street.



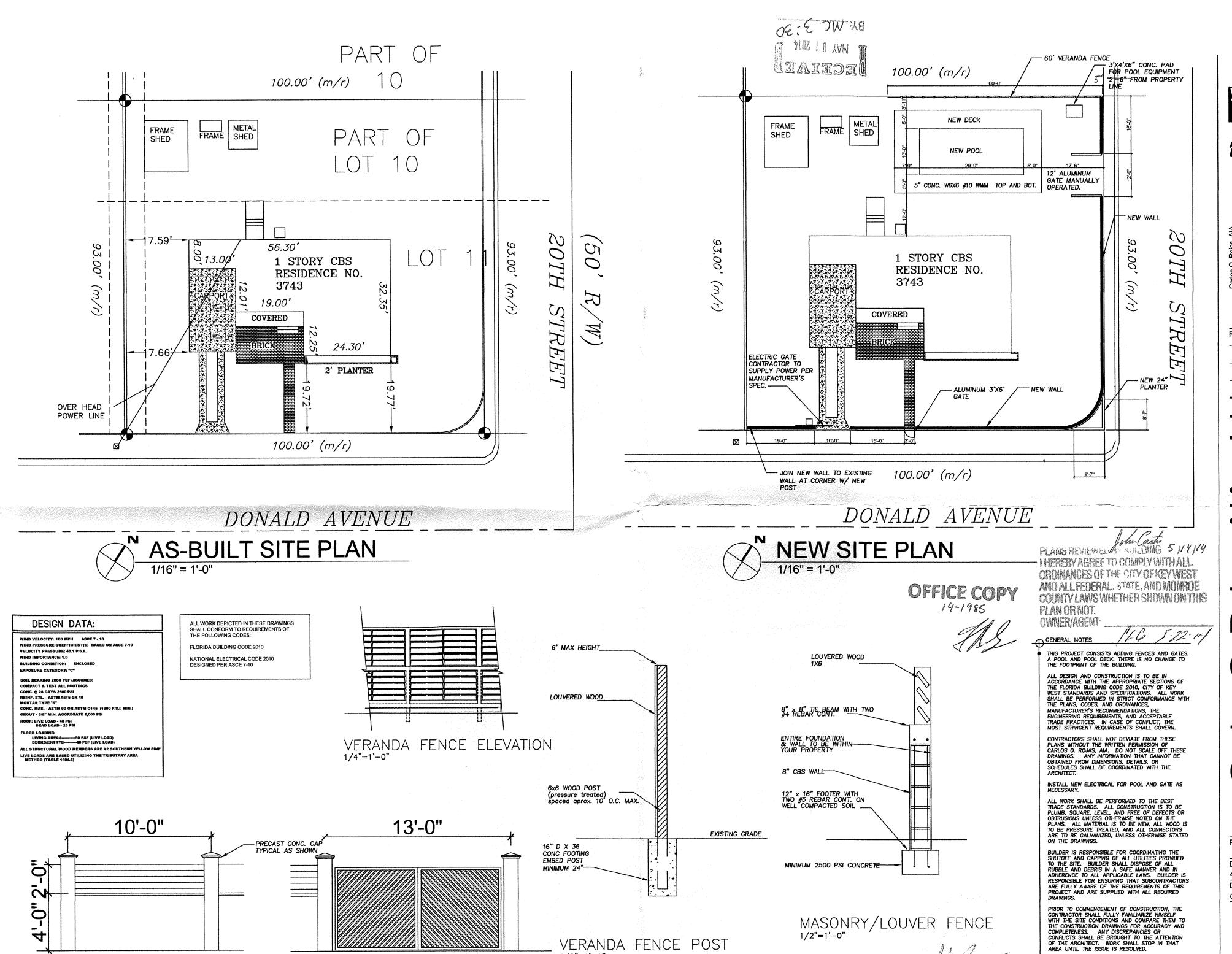
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GATE ELEVATION

1/4"=1'-0"

MASONRY/LOUVER FENCE STREET ELEVATION

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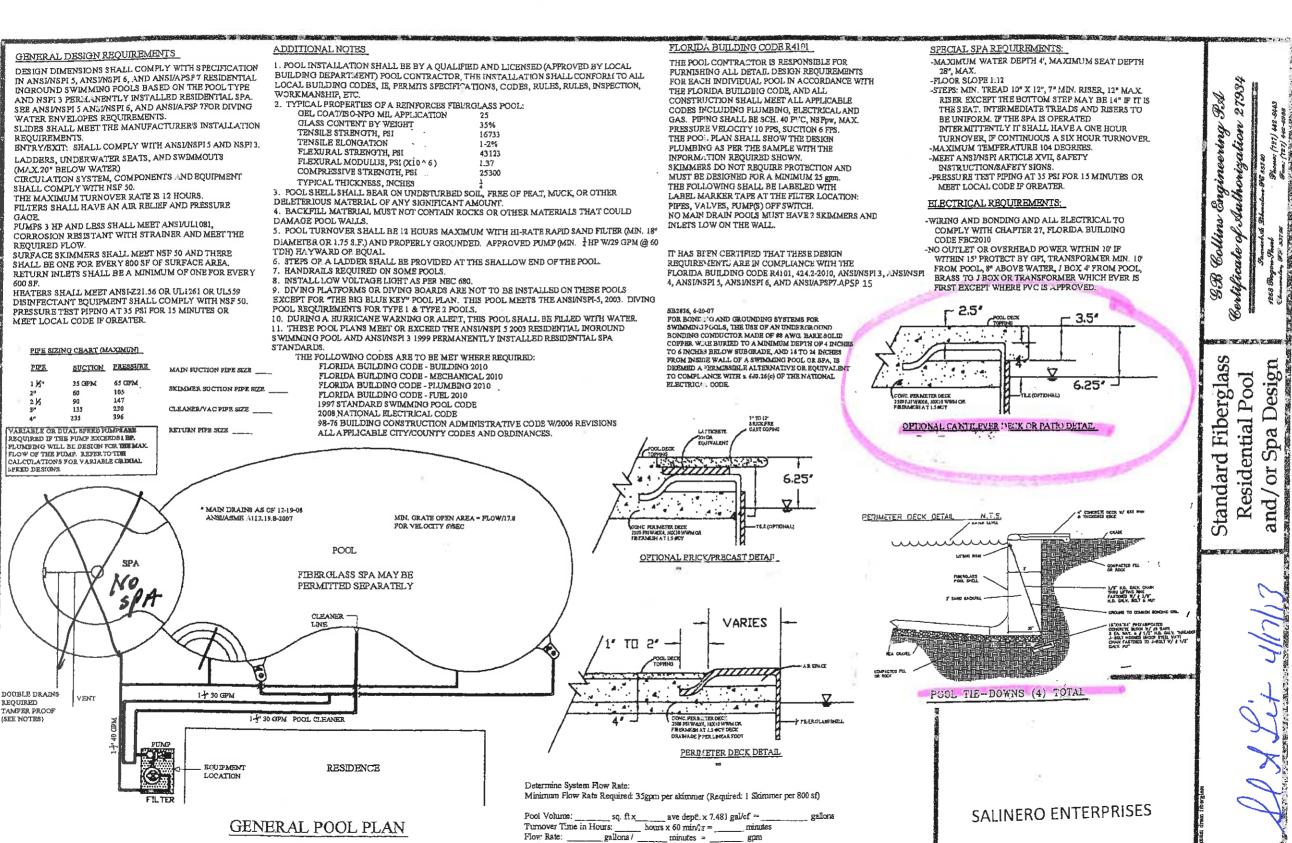
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Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

tree removal application 3743 Donald Avenue

Irina Burr <irinaburr@gmail.com>

Thu, May 1, 2014 at 9:09 PM

To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Dear Karen

Thank you for you serious and responsible approach to the issue of preserving and increasing flora on the Island. From the outset I want to apologize We a new in KW and maybe have done something wrong(about trimming the trees), but believe it happened out of ignorance and not out of desire that either we kill .People from North (where we are) treat with care and love for all that grows with our participation or without

Because we try to keep maximum possible on our property and avoid future errors we invite specialist Ms Erin Brown and asked her to transplant palms and other plants from the construction zone and maximum saving them instead of cutting them.

Believe me that I feel almost like a killer after we had to submit a tree removal application. Promise that I will do everything possible to replace them in full volume and count on your understanding and appreciation of our request

Ms. Brown will give you all the missing documents in the shortest possible time, before target date Best regards

Irina

P.S: Please do not think of us as the barbarians who want to destroy all life around . Believe I also live KW and I will strive to become a worthy Citizen

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 3:00 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com> wrote:

I have reviewed your tree removal application. Right now you are scheduled to be heard by the Tree Commission on May 13. I am missing a letter of authorization for Erin Brown to represent you at the meeting. I need that letter before May 9.

You stated in your application the reason for removing the trees is to add on to the existing house and to build a pool. I need to see some plans regarding the construction and I need to know if you have looked at alternative construction that would not impact the trees. I have attached a copy of my staff report for you information

Right now, I can not recommend approval of the removal of the trees to the Tree Commission until I receive additional information. If you would like to submit additional information, please do so by May 9. Please note that the Tree Commission is the final authority in approving or denying a permit. I make recommendations and try to make sure they have all the information they might need to make a proper, informed decision.

Also, I noticed that a silver buttonwood on the property line near 20th Street and a seagrape n the property line on Donald Ave had been improperly trimmed. Please stop trimming the trees. I also saw that an umbrella tree was being cut down. No permit is required to remove that tree.

What are your plans for the palm trees that appear to also be within the proposed development area? Some of those palm trees are regulated and their removal will require permits.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria

Urban Forestry Manager Certified Arborist City of Key West 305-809-3768



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3743 Donald Ave tree removal application

Irina Burr <irinaburr@gmail.com>
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Wed, May 14, 2014 at 12:32 PM

Thank you

Erin will find arborist and discuss all details I have different landscaping plan for the front yard I like to donate this tree to the city, is it possible?

Sincerely,

Irina

On Wed, May 14, 2014 at 8:01 AM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com> wrote:

The board postponed a decision on the silver buttonwood until there are some actual plans for the expansion/development. They did approve the transplantation of the mahognay tree to the front yard, as per Fred's guidance.

Sincerely,

Karen

On 5/13/14, Irina Burr < irinaburr@gmail.com > wrote:

- > Karen::
- > I just got you e-mail and it probable to late,
- > if you think it's better to postpone...OK, let's do it
- > Sincerely,
- > Irina
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- > On Tue, May 13, 2014 at 2:35 PM, Karen DeMaria
- > <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>wrote:
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- >> regulations in short form
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- >> On Tue, May 13, 2014 at 2:34 PM, Karen DeMaria
- >> <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>wrote:
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- >>> Irina:
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- >>> I think it might be best to postpone the discussion of the application
- >>> until the June 10 Tree Commission meeting. I am not clear what you want
- >>> to
- >>> do and I think more information is needed in order for the Tree
- >>> Commissioners to be able to properly review and vote on your tree
- >>> removal
- >>> request. If the commissioners review the application right now and they

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>>> decide to deny it, you will not be able to do anything with those trees
>>> for
>>> 6 months.
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>>> Here are my comments:
>>> You want to remove the silver buttonwood because you want to do
>>> construction on the house, where are your plans? Have you looked at
>>> alternatives to construction that would not impact that trees? Have you
>>> submitted plans with the building department and spoken to a contractor
>>> verify that what you want to do and where you want to do it will
>>> actually
>>> get permitted from the City (set backs, FEMA, stormwater requirements)?
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>>> Do you want to remove the mahogany tree or transplant it? My review of
>>> the tree identifies it as a good quality tree right now. I recommend you
>>> hire an arborist to discuss the possibilities of transplanting the tree.
>>> permit to transplant the tree will require a certified arborist to
>>> do/and/or supervise the work. They can be found in the phone book or you
>>> can go to the International Society of Arborculture website (verify
>>> credentials).
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>>> I just spoke to Fred and he will be at the meting with Erin. I told him
>>> what I needed and what I recommended. I also advised him that if this
>>> moves forward and if during the commissioner discussion they are leaning
>>> toward denial, he may want to recommend to Erin that they postpone to
>>> the
>>> next meeting.
>>> The City of Key West regulates primarily native trees or large diameter
>>> trees, we do not regulate shrubs or ornamental plants. With palm trees,
>>> regulate the native palms, any height, and non-native palms over 10 ft
>>> tall. When we require replacements, we have a specific list as to what
>>> accept as replacements. When a palm is removed, a palm is replaced. When
>>> dicot tree is removed (tree with leaves), dicot trees are used as
>>> replacements. I have attached a copy of our regulations regarding trees
>>> and a copy of our recommend plant list, for your file.
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>>> Sincerely,
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>>> Karen DeMaria
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>>> On Tue, May 13, 2014 at 1:30 PM, Irina Burr <irinaburr@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Karen
>>> I'm sending you authorization letter
>>> After I receive you e-mail I spoke with my contractor Fred Salineroand
>>> don't have chance to speak with Erin
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>>>> Fred will prune root but he is not provide any services to take care
>>> prior to relocation, during relocation and after relocation, and I don't
>>>> now
>>> any one why can make this statement for tree of that size I like this
>>> idea to transplanting mahogany tree(but very skeptically about
>>> success),and
>>> if you recommended some one why going to do this, and help me found new
>>> place for this tree I will be pay for this service when the tree will
>>> remain alive, But I will be more happy to pay for new tress after
>>>> removal
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>>> And about second tree - silver buttonwood- I steel want to remove this
>>>> tree ,please keep this request in my application
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>>>> For you and you staff information: Besides this too tress we will
>>>> transplanting and save more than 25 trees, palms and bushes in the our
>>> property out of construction area
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>>>> Sincerely,
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>>>> Irina
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>>> On Mon, May 12, 2014 at 4:50 PM, Karen DeMaria
>>> <kdemaria@keywestcity.com
>>>> wrote:
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>>>> Irina:
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>>>> I still have not received a letter of authorization form from you
>>>> saying that Erin is authorized to speak at the meeting on your behalf.
>>>> Attached is the form I need signed. Please fill it out, have it
>>>> notorized, then get it back to me. You can scan it and e-mail it.
>>>> I did met with Erin and the pool contractor on Friday. He gave me a
>>>> set
>>>> of the pool plans. We discussed a few options. I need to hear from
>>>> you as
>>>> to what you would prefer and what you agree to (I need something in
>>>> writing
>>>> for the record-an e-mail is fine).
>>>> 1. I was told that the removal of he silver buttonwood tree has been
>>>> placed on hold for now. Is that correct? If so, then are we
>>>> withdrawing
>>>> the request to remove the silver buttonwood at this time?
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>>>> 2. A suggestion was made to transplant the mahogany tree. Your pool
>>>> contractor stated he has done this before. I like the idea of
>>>> transplanting the mahogany tree but I need a statement form you saying
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>>>> agree to this and a statement from whomever would do the work, that
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>>>> can successful do the work. Transplanting a tree that size requires
>>>> proper
>>>> root pruning and care prior to relocation, during relocation, and after
>>>> relocation.
>>>> If the silver buttonwood tree removal request is removed from the
>>>> application at this time, and you decide to transplant the mahogany
>>>> tree,
>>>> then the application can be given staff approval once all documents
>>>> are
>>>> received and you would not have to go in front of the Tree Commission.
>>>> Please let me know asap what your plans are.
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>>>> Sincerely,
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Wed, May 28, 2014 at 8:07 PM

To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com> Cc: Erin Brown <erinbrown5201958@gmail.com>

I am planing to be on KW from June,9 till 13 or 14 and at you first convenience I wont to make meting with you and Ms. Brown and arborist(?) to discuss all details about transplanting Mahogany tree Paper for Building Dept will not be ready in June and we need to postpone Tree Commission meeting regarding the Silver Buttonwood tree Beast Regards Irina

On Wed, May 28, 2014 at 11:36 AM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com> wrote:

I am trying to finalize the agenda for the June 10 Tree Commission meeting and have not heard anymore from you regarding the Silver Buttonwood tree. Therefore, I will hold the application until I receive additional coorespondance from you, including building plans, regarding the potential removal of that tree. I have attached a copy of the Tree Commission schedule including deadlines, for your use.

Regarding the transplanting of the mahogany tree, the permit is for transplanting the tree somewhere on your property. If you do not want to transplant the tree on your property, the permit will have to be changed and voided. A transplantation permit can be handled by me (staff approval) without having to go back to the Tree Commission. Regarding potentially planting the tree onto City property, you would have to hire the arborist to do the work and to do the actual planting, etc. The only City area I can think of right now that might be suitable for a mahogany tree would be the median area along 17th St. I would need time to coordinate with the arborist, a planting location. Even if the tree is transplanted onto City property, if the tree does not survive, you would still be responsible for the replacement.

Please advise me of your intent.

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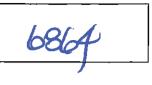
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Application





Tree Permit Application

	Date:
Please Clearly Print	All Information unless indicated otherwise.
Tree Address	3743 Donald Ave.
Cross/Corner Street	do street
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity	131/ver Buttonwood - 1 Mahoganes
Species Type(s) check all that apply	() Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Insure
Reason(s) for Application:	
() Tree Healt	th () Safety () Other/Explain below
() TRANSPLANT () New Local	tion () Same Property () Other/Explain below
	emoval () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction
	na addition to house
Information A Thee	is in The way
and Explanation And acid	ing pool to property
Property Owner Name	IRina Mikheevg - Buzz
Property Owner eMail Address	IRINOBUZE (9 GMOI), COM
Property Owner Mailing Address	2678 East 23 Street
Property Owner Mailing City	BROOKLYN State NY Zip 1/235
Property Owner Phone Number	(718) 664 - 7786 ; (718) 769 - 4490
Property Owner Signature	S. W. BURR
Dennesentative Name	FRIN BROWN
Representative Name	
Representative eMail Address	P.O. 5242
Representative Mailing Address	
Representative Mailing City	<u> </u>
Representative Phone Number	form must accompany this application if someone other than the
	ee Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.
owner will be representing the owner at a Tre	Tree Representation Authorization form attached (
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If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

Updated: 02/22/2014