



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST – Tree Commission

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# Tree Commission MEMORANDUM

Date: August 13, 2019

From: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager

Reference: Tree Trimming Estimates for City Owned Trees.

On July 2, 2019, a request for estimates was sent to 8 companies that had an arborist and were known for doing the specific work requested (see attached). This request included the provision that all work must be done by or directly supervised by an ISA certified arborist and the company must have a minimum of \$1,000,000 of Commercial General Liability insurance coverage. Two responses were received.

On July 25, 2019, a request for estimates was resent which dropped the insurance coverage to \$300,000, allowed for licensed City of Key West tree trimmers to do some of the work, and added an additional tree trimming location (see attached). Fifteen estimate requests were delivered to licensed tree trimming companies that routinely work in Key West. The estimate notice asked the companies to submit a quote to the Urban Forester by August 9, 2019.

Attached is a list of the estimate requests in relation to the job location.

## 1. 616 Simonton Street (Mahogany tree)

\$1,500	Golden Bough
\$1,850	La Isla
\$3,475	Shade Tree Inc

## 2. Truman Waterfront Park (Seagrape tree)

\$1,350	La Isla
\$1,500	Limbwalkers
\$2,675	Shade Tree Inc
\$4,000	A Cut Above

## 3. 1701 Von Phister Street (Mahogany tree)

\$1,750	Golden Bough
\$1,750	La Isla
\$3,675	Shade Tree Inc

## 4. 1703 South Street (Mahogany tree)

\$ 450	Golden Bough
\$1,000	Limbwalkers
\$1,550	La Isla
\$1,875	Shade Tree Inc

## 5. Smathers Beach (Coconut Palms)

\$3,250	Limbwalkers (\$50 a tree)
\$6,500	La Isla (\$100 a tree)
\$7,000	Schilling Tree Service (\$100 a tree plus disposal fee)
\$7,800	A Cut Above (\$120 a tree)
\$8,125	Shade Tree Inc \$125 a tree)

## 6. 811 White Street (Tamarind tree)

\$ 450	Golden Bough
\$1,525	La Isla
\$1,875	Shade Tree Inc

**Karen DeMaria**

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July

**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Estimates City of Key West--tree trimming  
**Attachments:** Tree trimming estimate location photos.pdf

The City is requesting estimates for the following trimming jobs (see below). Please submit an estimate for each individual job request by noon on July 8, 2019 to the Urban Forester. A decision on the estimates and requested work will be decided by the Tree Commission at their July 9 meeting.

1. 616 Simonton Street (firestation): Mahogany tree needs a maintenance trim to remove dead limbs and balance canopy.
2. Truman Waterfront Park: Seagrape tree needs an all over maintenance trim to remove dead limbs and reduce limb lengths.
3. 1701 Von Phister/Ashby Street: Mahogany tree needs reduction pruning over house and road and an evaluation of canopy.
4. 1703 South Street: Mahogany tree needs maintenance trim to balance canopy.
5. Coconut palms on Smathers Beach: approximately 65 palms need to be trimmed of fronds and coconuts on the beach beyond range of a bucket.

Work must be done or supervised by an ISA certified arborist and a minimum of \$1,000,000 of Commercial General Liability insurance coverage with the City listed as an additional insured is required to do the work.

Sincerely,

Karen

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616 Simonton St mahogany



Truman Waterfront Park Seagrape view 1





Truman Waterfront Park-Sea Grape tree view 2



Southard Street entrance



1701 Von Phister Mahogany tree-Ashby Street side



1701 Von Phister Mahogany street view-Ashby Street



1703 South Street-Ashby Street Mahogany





1703 South Street-Ashby Street Mahogany street view



Smathers Beach Coconut Palms



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 5:23 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** City of Key West Request for Estimates August 2019  
**Attachments:** Tree trimming estimate location photos.pdf

The City is requesting estimates for the following trimming jobs (see below). This is the second request for estimates for this work with the original e-mail having been sent on July 2, 2019. There has been a change in the insurance requirement, more details have been added to each request, and a new job has been added. It is recommended you look at the trees prior to submitting estimates. Attached are some photos of the trees to show locations. If you have any questions regarding the work, feel free to contact me.

Please submit an estimate for each individual job request by noon on Friday, August 9, 2019 to the Urban Forester. A decision on the estimates and requested work will be decided by the Tree Commission at their August 13 meeting.

1. 616 Simonton Street (firestation): Mahogany tree needs a maintenance trim to remove dead limbs and balance canopy. This is a basic trim job that must be done or directly supervised by a certified arborist using a bucket truck.
2. Truman Waterfront Park: Seagrape tree needs an all over maintenance trim to remove dead limbs and reduce limb lengths. This work must be done or supervised by a certified arborist or approved City of Key West tree trimmer.
3. 1701 Von Phister/Ashby Street: Mahogany tree needs reduction pruning over house and road and an evaluation of canopy. This work must be done by a certified arborist.
4. 1703 South Street: Mahogany tree needs maintenance trim to balance canopy. Canopy is weighted heavy over the road. Select limb reduction will need to be done. This work must be done or supervised by a certified arborist or approved City of Key West tree trimmer.
5. Coconut palms on Smathers Beach: approximately 65 palms need to be trimmed of fronds and coconuts on the beach beyond range of a bucket. This work requires a climber who is a certified arborist or approved City of Key West tree trimmer.
6. 811 White Street—Petronia side: Tamarind Tree is half owned by City and half owned by the private property owner. The entire tree was improperly trimmed-lollipoped a year ago by a contractor hired by the property owner. Corrective maintenance trimming is needed to reduce sprout growth on each old cut and lift branches from over the road. Some thinning of the canopy might be needed to allow tree to start reestablishing proper shape. This work must be done or supervised by a certified arborist using a bucket truck.

**A minimum of \$300,000 of Commercial General Liability insurance coverage with the City listed as an additional insured is required to do the work.**

Sincerely,

Karen



1. 616 Simonton St

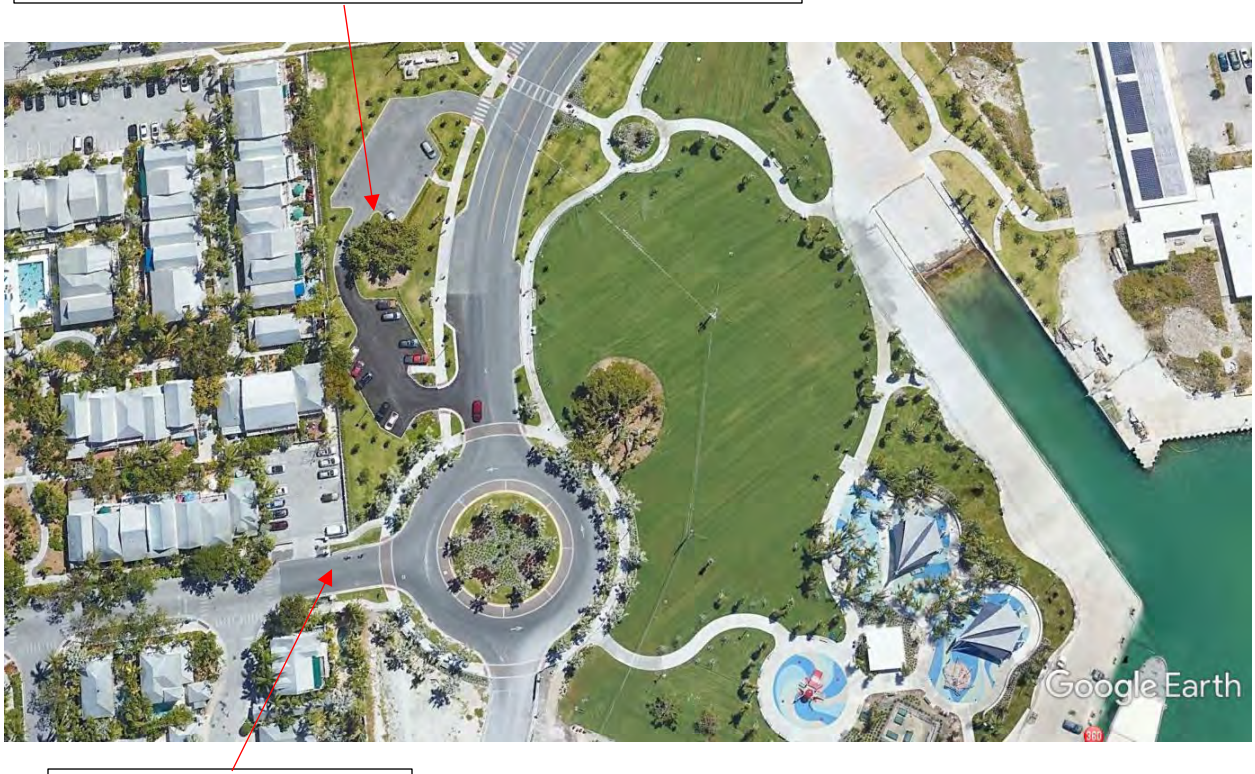


2. Truman Waterfront Park Seagrape view 1





## 2. Truman Waterfront Park-Sea Grape tree view



Southard Street entrance



Old photo of Sea Grape tree prior to trimming in 2017



3. 1701 Von Phister Mahogany street view-Ashby Street



Street view of tree



4. 1703 South Street-Ashby Street Mahogany



Street view of tree



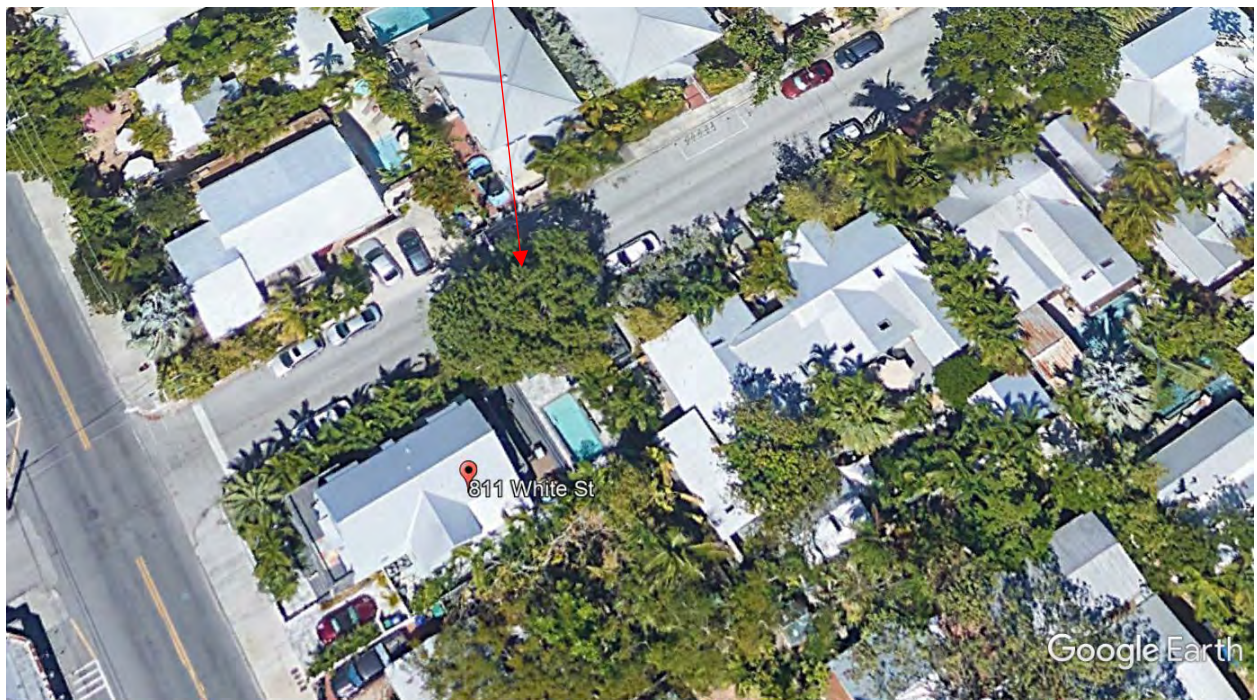
## 5. Smathers Beach







6. 811 White Street-Petronia Street







Street view of tree