

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: December 21, 2011

FROM: Karen DeMaria, Interim Urban Forestry Manager, City of Key West

RE: Ann Street, Old City Hall

A complaint was received regarding trees growing into the electric lines and near a transformer that supplied electricity to a string of business on Duval Street. The trees are located in the Old City hall parking lot and on Curry Mansion property. Keys Energy does regularly prune the trees away from the transformer and lines. The businesses were concerned about a potential threat from these trees during a storm and wished to have them removed.

A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Both trees are Women's Tongue Trees (*Albizia lebeck*) and considered to be unprotected trees according to the City of Key West code except if they are over 24" dbh. The tree at the Curry Mansion was not measured at this time due to access. Contact will be made with the property owners to discuss the tree.

The tree on City property is over 24" dbh, therefore, a permit is required for removal.

Circumference: $91'' = 29'' \text{ dbh} = 24'' - 29'' = 5'' \text{ dbh}$

Location: 30% (major utility line issues and is starting to impact a brick wall on the property line)

Species: 0% (tree is on the unprotected list but it is over 24" dbh)

Condition: 60% (Health of tree overall appears to be fair. Some dead branches were observed in the canopy and the canopy itself is being hacked due to the need to trim due to the electrical lines.)

Total Average Value = 30%

Value x Diameter = replacement caliper (dbh) inches = $.30 \times 5'' = \mathbf{1.5'' \text{ replacement}}$

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