

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 31, 2023

RE: 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd (permit application # T2023-0166)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Mahogany tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Photo of whole tree showing location, view 1.



Photo of whole tree showing location, view 2.



Photo showing location of cameras, view 1.

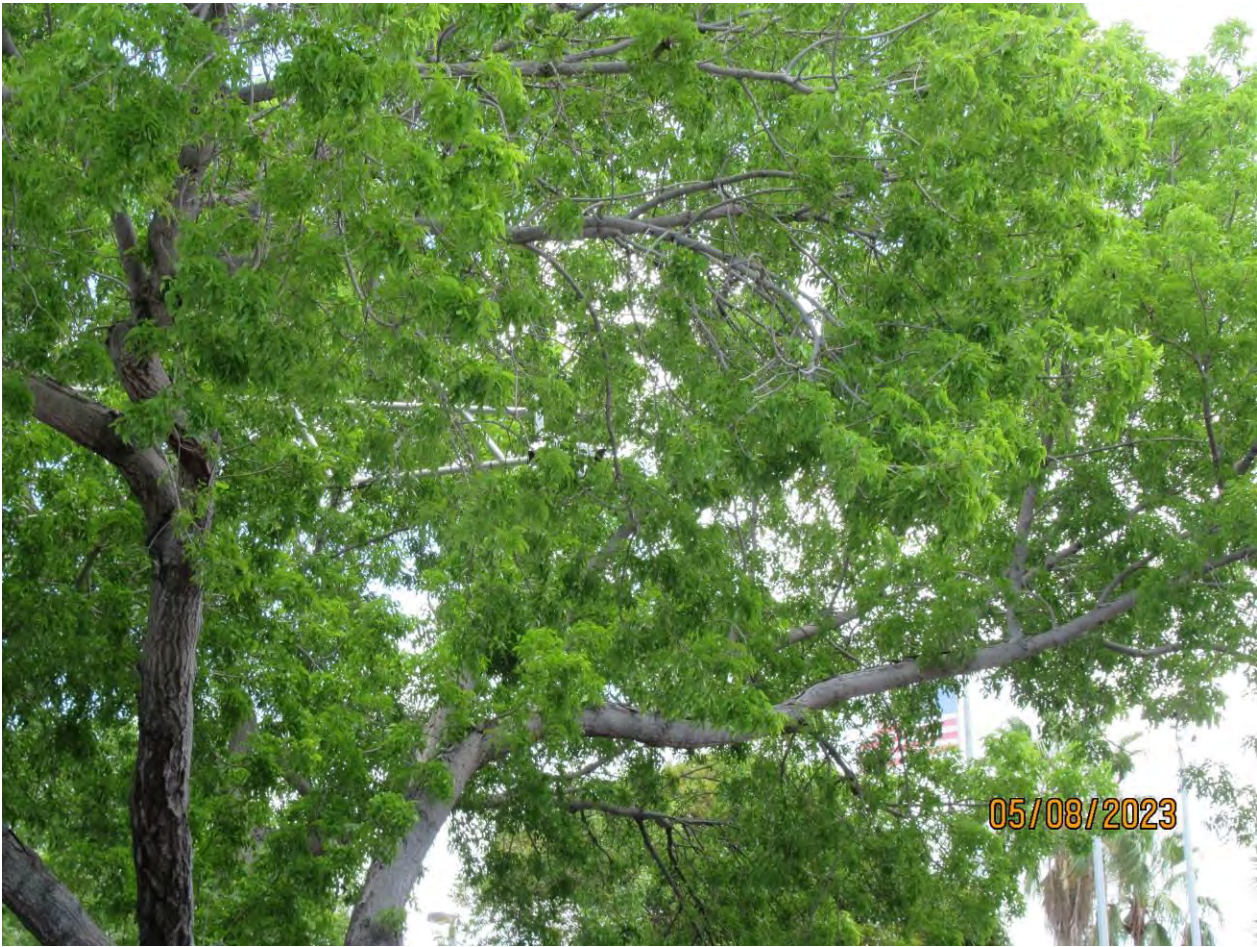


Photo showing location of cameras, view 2.



Photo showing location of cameras, view 3.



Photo showing location of cameras, view 4.



Photo showing left side of tree and the camera line of site.



Photos showing the camera view to the front door.



Photo showing right side of tree and the camera line of site.



Photo showing the camera view toward the driveway entrance from N. Roosevelt Blvd.



Close up photo of the right side line of site camera view.

Diameter: 19.4"

Location: 50% (growing in parking lot planter, very visible tree, branches blocking security camera views.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (overall condition is fair to good. Tree has been trimmed several times for camera clearance leading to v-shaped canopy structure.)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 14.1 replacement caliper inches

Application



T2023-0166

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 5-10-23

Tree Address 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd
Cross/Corner Street Jose Manti Pond
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Mahogany tree

Reason(s) for Application:

- Remove () Tree Health Safety () Other/Explain below
- () Transplant () New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below
- () Heavy Maintenance Trim () Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation tree has been trimmed several times in the past 5 years to keep a clear line of site for the security cameras at the Police Station. The tree and the cameras are not compatible.

Property Owner Name City of Key West
Property Owner email Address _____
Property Owner Mailing Address PO box 1409 KW FL 33041
Property Owner Phone Number _____
Property Owner Signature [Signature] Assistant City Manager 5-12-23

*Representative Name Karen Dellaria - Urban Forestry Manager
Representative email Address + Joseph Tripp - Police Dept.
Representative Mailing Address _____
Representative Phone Number 305 809-3768

*NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

As of August 1, 2022, application fees are required. See back of application for fee amounts.

Sketch location of tree (aerial view) including cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property regarding this application with colored tape or ribbon. See attached map.

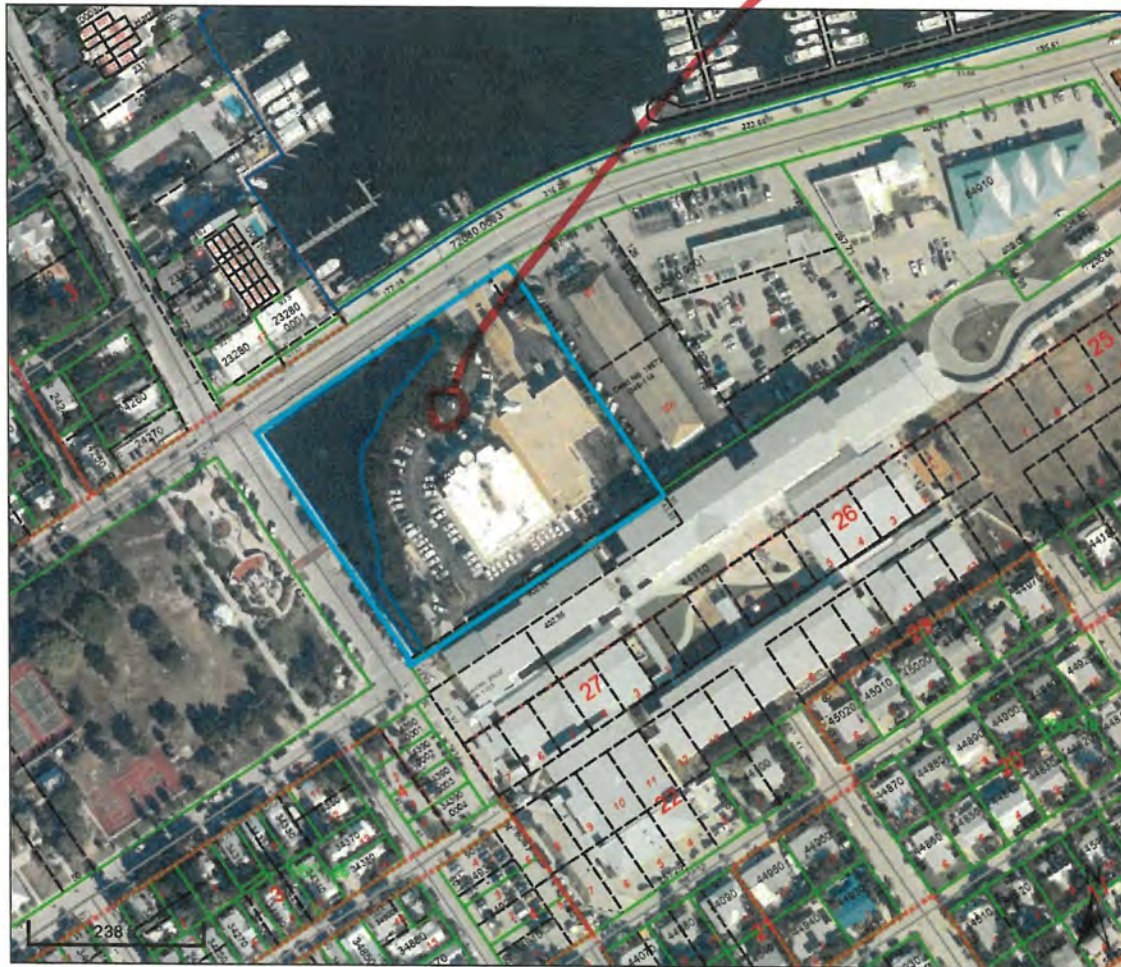
19.4" dbh

5'1" circ

The cameras were installed many years ago without thinking about the growth of the tree. The large, canopy tree species is and will continue to be a safety clearance issue with the cameras. Due to costs and infrastructure, the cameras can not be moved. Trimming techniques to lift the canopy are not working. Removal of the main limbs causing the issues will leave almost no tree - better to remove and plant a sub canopy tree species in that area that can be easily maintained (parking lot planter requires a tree as per city code.)

* After discussing with KWPD to move cameras it is Ⓚ been determined that the camera positioning is critical to remain in this position. KWPD has given sufficient confidential information to support this fact. * Todd Staughton, Asst. City Mgr.

*tree
Location*



Overview



#
Legend

- Centerline
- Easements
- Hooks
- Lot Lines
- Road Center
- Rights of Way
- Shoreline
- [-] Condo Building
- Key Names
- [-] Subdivisions
- [-] Parcels

Parcel ID	00064920-000000	Alternate ID	1065439	Owner Address	CITY OF KEY WEST
Sec/Twp/Rng	05/68/25	Class	MUNICIPAL		PO Box 1409
Property Address	1604 N ROOSEVELT Blvd KEY WEST				Key West, FL 33041
District	10KW				
Brief Tax	KW PT SEC 5 TWP 68S R 25E LYING NWLY OF TR 20 S OF BLVD G46-57/58 (RE72082-003600 COMBINED WITH THIS PARCEL				
Description	FOR THE 1998 TAX ROLL 11/20/97) OR1603-149Q/C				
	<i>(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)</i>				

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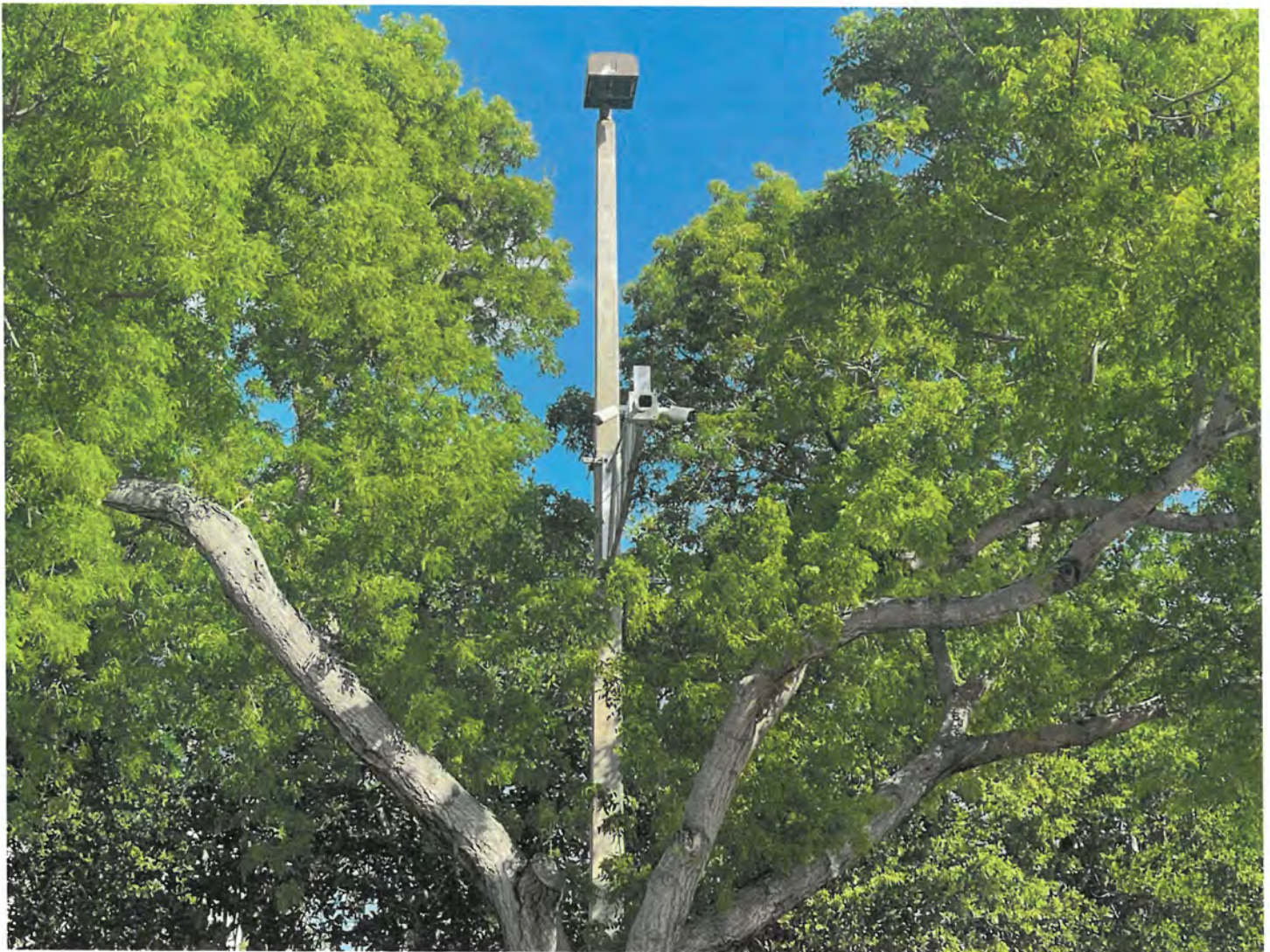
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Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: FW: Photo of tree view

From: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:04 AM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Photo of tree view

Good morning. Here is a pic of the tree that's blocking the cameras. As you can see, the left at right cameras have no view.



Here is a few from the front facing camera. You can see that the tree is encroaching on the view.



If this were the only view we were concerned about, trimming would suffice. However, the right and left cameras are very important as well. Let me know if you need anything else. Thank you, Joe

Karen DeMaria

From: Joseph Tripp
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: RE: Tree Removal

Karen,
I sent the pics today from my phone. I know its past the deadline for May's meeting. June would be great.
Thank you!
Joe

From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 2:28 PM
To: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: RE: Tree Removal

I did a quick site visit but I need to gather some additional information. Why can't the tree be trimmed again? Can you send me some screen shots that show the site line issue?

If we move forward with removal that screen shot will be helpful when presenting the application to City Management (they have to sign the application) and to the Tree Commission and general public. We would need to show why trimming is not the acceptable, reasonable alternative at this time. I do have some information from previous work on this tree that I can put into the file.

Removal of the mahogany tree requires approval from the Tree Commission as it is a protected tree. The Tree Commission meets once a month. The next meeting that applications are being accepted for is May 9 (applications due by April 19) so we have time to gather the documentation together.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 6:18 AM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Re: Tree Removal

Good morning!
Saw some guys headed to trim a tree and it reminded me to follow-up. Please let me know.
Joe

On Mar 15, 2023, at 4:25 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

That's the mahogany tree that we have worked on for years.

Thanks, I'll get the paperwork moving and I will be in touch.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: FW: Tree Removal

Karen,
Its not a gumbo, like I thought. We would like to request removal and replacement of this tree because it interferes with the security of the facility. We have purchased new cameras on a long boom, yet it requires too much maintenance to keep the sight line clear. Please let me know what the next step is.
Joe

From: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 4:07 PM
To: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Tree Removal

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tree



view ①
right

camera
location





view 2
straight



View 3
left

Camera
Location



Karen DeMaria

From: Todd C. Stoughton
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Joseph Tripp
Cc: Sean Brandenburg; Randall Smith; Karen DeMaria
Subject: 1604 N. Roosevelt Tree Permit
Attachments: Doc5.pdf

LT Tripp,

The City Manager's Office needs more supporting documentation to support the removal of the Mahogany Tree located at KWPD. Please take a look at the attachment and provide any additional information. As it stands right now the application reads that we are removing the tree as it is a nuisance to the security camera. We have to explain why another trimming or moving the cameras wont work and I have no idea of KWPD's facility protection standards. If you can provide additional supporting information I can push this forward.

Respectfully,

Todd



Please provide more data as to why the security cameras cannot be moved to the notated poles.



Karen DeMaria

From: Joseph Tripp
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Todd C. Stoughton
Cc: Sean Brandenburg; Randall Smith; Karen DeMaria; Jonathan Phelps
Subject: RE: 1604 N. Roosevelt Tree Permit

Good morning,

I will have to defer to the city camera guy, Mr. Phelps, regarding moving the cameras. I do know that we would like to keep the one that is there, since it is low enough to see inside the entry and read license tags.

Jonathan, can you speak to this?

Joe

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Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Joseph Tripp <jtripp@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Cc: Sean Brandenburg <sbrandenburg@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Randall Smith <rsmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
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