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TO THE TREE COMMISSION:

The 100 years (plus) sapodilla tree on the vacant lot of 719 Poorhouse Lane has provided beauty, canopy and habitat for us living near Butler Park. For the past 35 years, this tree has been a historic and healthy reminder for me and my neighbors that living in Key West necessitates proximity to the wonders of nature. Therefore, I strongly oppose this sapodilla tree being cut down.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners,

In addition to my testimony submitted previously (copied below), please include for informational purposes these photos during your review and discussion of the application to remove the Sapodilla tree at 719 Poorhouse Lane.

The photos show a street views of the home that previously stood at 719 Poorhouse / Petronia Lane, demolition in progress after the historic house was deemed unsafe and was demolished by the city, and the last photo as a vacant lot following the demolition.

Below the three photos are T.S. Neal architectural notes regarding the protection of trees on the site that were included on sheet CO.1 dated December 5, 2023 as part of the architect's plans for a new two story house at the site.

Thank you,  
Hal Bromm



719 Petronia Street - 1965





#### **TREE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION NOTES:**

1. PROTECT DESIGNATED EXISTING TREES SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AGAINST:
  - UNNECESSARY CUTTING, BREAKING, OR SKINNING OF ROOTS
  - SKINNING AND BRUISING OF BARK
  - SMOTHERING OF TREES BY STOCKPILING CONSTRUCTION OR EXCAVATION MATERIALS WITHIN PROTECTION BARRIER
2. PROTECTION BARRIERS (TREE BARRICADES) SHALL BE PLAINLY VISIBLE AND SHALL CREATE A CONTINUOUS BOUNDARY AROUND TREES OR VEGETATION CLUSTERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENT WITHIN THE BARRICADE.
3. FOR ALL TREES TO BE PRESERVED, SEE TREE PROTECTION AND BARRICADE ELEVATION DETAIL.
4. NO GRADE CHANGES SHALL BE MADE WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE BARRIER ZONES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.
5. THE METHOD OF PROTECTION IS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT 50% OF THE AREA UNDER THE CANOPY DRIPLINE REMAINS UNDISTURBED (NO GRADE CHANGE OR ROOT CUT) AND THERE SHALL BE NO DISTURBANCE TO THE ROOT PLATE.
6. GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND MITIGATION COSTS OF TREES DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROTECTED AND PRESERVED. IF TREES ARE HARMED THROUGH LACK OF PROTECTION OR THROUGH NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE CONTRACTOR, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.
7. ROOT PRUNING SHALL BE DONE BY OR UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST, AND MEET OR EXCEED ANSI A300 OR APPROVED TREE CARE INDUSTRY STANDARDS. A CERTIFIED ARBORIST MUST BE ONSITE DURING THE ENTIRETY OF ROOT PRUNING.
8. NO ROOT PRUNING SHALL BE DONE WITHIN A DISTANCE OF 3X THE DIAMETER THE TREE UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARBORIST.
9. NO MORE THAN 30% OF THE TREES ROOTS MAY BE PRUNED.
10. A PRUNING TRENCH SHALL BE CLEARED IN A WAY THAT EXPOSES THE ROOTS WHILE LEAVING THEM INTACT. USE HAND TOOLS OR AN AIR KNIFE. LIMITS OF TRENCH TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ARBORIST.
11. ALL ROOTS OUTSIDE OF THE PROTECTIVE BARRICADE TO BE REMOVED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE SEVERED CLEAN USING A SHARP TOOL TO PROVIDE A CLEAN CUT. ROOTS SHALL BE LEFT WITH CLEAN SMOOTH ENDS AND NO RAGGED EDGES AND A TWO-INCH LAYER OF MULCH SHALL BE APPLIED OVER THE SURFACE OF EXPOSED ROOTS DURING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN ONE HOUR OF DAMAGE OR EXPOSURE.
12. AFTER PRUNING, TREE ROOTS SHALL BE COVERED AND KEPT MOIST. FILL PRUNING TRENCH WITH TOPSOIL AND WATER DAILY FOR A PERIOD DETERMINED BY THE ARBORIST.

