

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2013

RE: 522 Grinnell St

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

On March 7, 2013, the Planning Dept received an anonymous phone complaint about someone chain sawing a tree at 522 Grinnell St. At 2:10 p.m. I was on-site and saw a guy chain sawing a large root from a mahogany tree. There were two young men on-site and they were building a fence for 522 Grinnell St. Footers were already dug for the fence posts. The young man with the chainsaw said that the owner wanted the area leveled for pavers. I told them to stop work immediately and to have the owner hire a certified arborist and then contact me.

There is a large mahogany tree at the property line of 520 and 522 Grinnell St close to the sidewalk. The tree is actually on 520 Grinnell St with numerous major roots going into 522 Grinnell St. Several major roots along the southside of the tree (522 side) have been cut with a chainsaw. The tree is a street type tree for the area.

On March 11, 2013, I spoke to Alberto Cruz (Keys Contracting Services). He is hiring John from DOT Palm to look at tree (a certified arborist).

On March 19, 2013, I spoke to John (DOT Palm). I told him I needed a report/plan from him that states what needs to be done to ensure the future health and safety of the tree and the public.

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