

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 1, 2018

RE: **2108 Harris Avenue Administrative Hearing**

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

On December 20, 2017, a complaint was received regarding the cutting of (2) Mahogany trees at 2108 Harris Avenue. An inspection documented that there were (2) large mahogany trees in the back yard. One tree had been significantly trimmed with almost all the canopy having been removed and the second mahogany tree had some trimming of the canopy. Both trees appeared to have been recently incased in a couple of feet of fill with a concrete cinderblock wall having been built around them.





12/20/2017

Tree #1



Tree #2



Tree #1

Tree #2



Tree #2

12/20/2017

No one at the house spoke English at the time of the inspection. I did speak to a lady on the phone and the next day I did have an e-mail exchange with a daughter (see attached).

By chance the owner's son was in the building department. A site meeting was scheduled to discuss the situation. At the site meeting, no significant changes were noticed regarding the health of the two mahogany trees.



Tree #1





03/09/2018

Both trees appeared to have survived the hurricane with some canopy damage (see attached photos including historical google canopy photos and NOAA after Irma photo). The extent of the canopy damage is not known at this time as no ground photos have been submitted.

Tree #1: Irreputable damage has occurred to this tree. The removal of all the canopy branches has basically destroyed the tree.

Tree #2: This tree needs a proper maintenance by a certified arborist to repair the previous cuts made to the canopy. The fill and planter must be removed immediately from around the tree. One level of concrete block with no more than 4 inches of dirt is allowed to remain on the tree roots and soil needs to be moved from against the trunk.

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 3:14 PM
To: 'tongshek2016@gmail.com'; 'sius0908@yahoo.com'
Subject: 2108 Harris Ave Tree Commission Hearing
Attachments: 2108 Harris Ave Admin Hearing notice.pdf

FYI-please make sure someone is at the meeting that can help your mom understand the discussion and agree to a resolution with the Tree Commission.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager/Tree Commission
Certified Arborist
305-809-3768

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:47 AM
To: 'siu sa tong'
Subject: RE: 2108 harris ave

I need to set up an appointment with you all regarding these trees. What is a good day and time next week that we can meet on the property to discuss the next step regarding the trees and the enforcement case.

Sincerely,

Karen

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-----Original Message-----

From: siu sa tong [mailto:siusa0908@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Re: 2108 harris ave

okay i'll let her know , how do we need (paper work and fee) to apply for the permit to remove the tree

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 4:46 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

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> A permit is required to trim or remove the two protected mahogany trees in the backyard. Right now you are in violation of the City Tree Ordinances so please stop any cutting on the trees.

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> Sincerely,

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> Karen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: siu sa tong [mailto:siusa0908@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:16 PM
> To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
> Subject: 2108 harris ave

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> hi karen , i'm writing regarding the house 2108 harris ave , i think you were there yesterday and spoke to my mom, she doesn't speak much english so she didn't really understand what was the reason you went by. she told me something about the tree. would you please give me a call at 3056194548 or email me about the problem

Untitled Map

Write a description for your map.

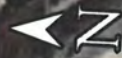
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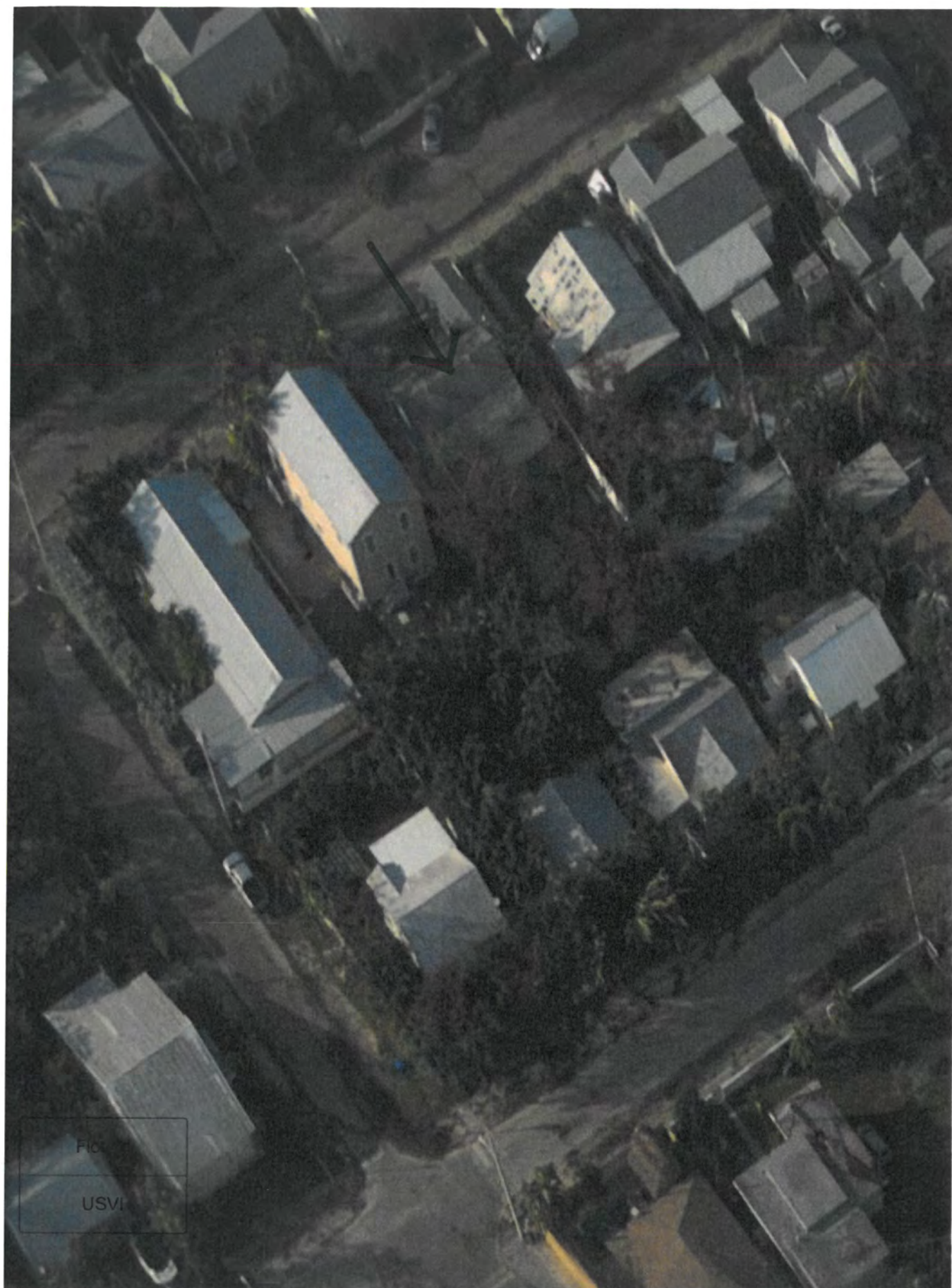
 2108 Harris Ave

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Google Earth

100 ft





March 2017

Legend

 2108 Harris Ave

 2108 Harris Ave

Google Earth

100 ft



December 2014

Legend

 2108 Harris Ave

 2108 Harris Ave

Google Earth

100 ft





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By continuing into this site you assert that you have read and agree to the above statement.

Summary

Parcel ID 00047620-000000
Account # 1048232
Property ID 1048232
Millage Group 10KW
Location 2108 HARRIS Ave, KEY WEST
Address
Legal KW KW REALTY COS FIRST SUB PB1-43 LT 10 SQR 21 TR 21 C5-
Description 337/38 G47-418 OR292-486/87 OR850-858 OR2560-1706/07
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)
Neighborhood 6183
Property Class SINGLE FAMILY RESID (0100)
Subdivision Key West Realty Co's First Sub
Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25
Affordable No
Housing



Owner

TONG HOK YAT
 1717 THOMPSON ST
 KEY WEST FL 33040

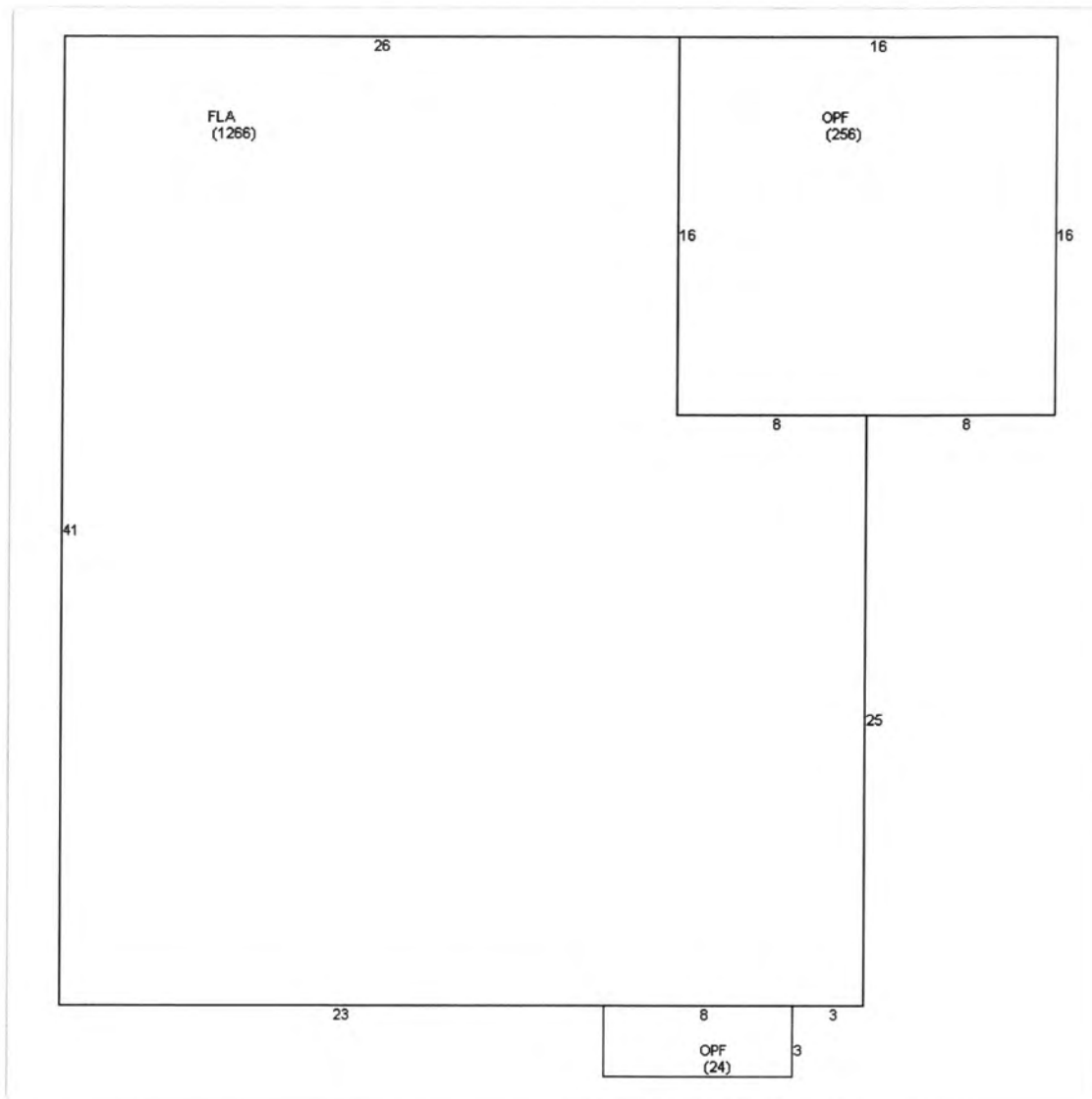
LAM YIN FONG H/W

Valuation

	2017	2016	2015	2014
+ Market Improvement Value	\$117,873	\$104,550	\$106,713	\$97,018
+ Market Misc Value	\$3,623	\$3,623	\$3,151	\$2,864
+ Market Land Value	\$232,500	\$231,250	\$177,500	\$211,250
= Just Market Value	\$353,996	\$339,423	\$287,364	\$311,132
= Total Assessed Value	\$347,710	\$316,100	\$287,364	\$287,409
- School Exempt Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= School Taxable Value	\$353,996	\$339,423	\$287,364	\$311,132

Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
RESIDENTIAL DRY (010D)	5,000.00	Square Foot	50	100



Photos

