

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 30, 2018

RE: **1615 Washington Street (permit application # T2018-0012)**

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

An application was received requesting the transplanting of **(2) Royal Poinciana trees**. A site inspection determined that the trees were in poor structural condition and not good candidates for transplanting. The property owner then requested approval to remove the trees.

Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)



#2

#1



10/16/2018













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Tree #1: Diameter: 8.5"

Location: 60% (close to fence area, not a lot of room for future growth)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor, old cuts, most of the growth is regrowth off a stump, poor structure)

Total Average Value = 66%

**Value x Diameter = 5.6 replacement caliper inches**

**Tree #2:** Diameter: 14.9"

Location: 60% (growing against fence wall, not a lot of room for future growth)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor, old cuts, most of growth is regrowth off a stump, poor structure)

Total Average Value = 66%

**Value x Diameter = 15.4 replacement caliper inches**

**Recommendation: Recommend approval of the removal of two (2) Royal Poinciana trees at 1615 Washington Street to be replaced with a total of 21 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.**

# Application

**RECEIVED**  
 SEP 05 2018  
 BY: MCM



CANOPY  
 TRANSPLANT

2018  
 000012

**Tree Permit Application**

Date: SEPT 5, 2018

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

**Tree Address** 1615 WASHINGTON  
**Cross/Corner Street** ASHBY / WASHINGTON  
**List Tree Name(s) and Quantity** POINCIANA - 2  
**Species Type(s) check all that apply** ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade ( ) Unsure  
**Reason(s) for Application:**

- ( ) REMOVE ( ) Tree Health ( ) Safety ( ) Other/Explain below
  - ( ) TRANSPLANT (  ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below
  - ( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction
- Other/Explain** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Request** TOO CLOSE TO FENCE, ADDITIONAL TREES NEEDED AT BASILICA SCHOOL PROPERTY

**Property Owner Name** MARGARET ROMERO  
**Property Owner eMail Address** INFO@MARGARETROMERO.ORG  
**Property Owner Mailing Address** P.O. Box 5921  
**Property Owner Mailing City** KEY WEST **State** FL **Zip** 33045  
**Property Owner Phone Number** (305) 902-7411  
**Property Owner Signature** Margaret A. Romero

**Representative Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative eMail Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative Mailing City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative Phone Number** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( )

<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



5" dbh  
 p9cu  
 3 trunks  
 2 rootballs

1615  
 WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON



85" 1 = 2'3" circ  
 149" 2 = 2'4" circ + 1'7" circ  
 (2 trunks)  
 1 rootball

If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Margaret Romero <info@margaretromero.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 6:30 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: 1615 Washington Street tree application

Karen,

Thanks for your note.

Since the two trees are so close to the fence, I would prefer to remove them. I will stop by the office and complete any paperwork that is needed.

Thanks again for your time and efforts.

Margaret

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**From:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:15:31 PM  
**To:** Margaret Romero  
**Subject:** 1615 Washington Street tree application

Margaret:

Regarding your application to transplant the two Royal Poinciana trees along the right side property line. I am not sure the trees would survive being transplanted. There are two rootballs with one rootball (#2) being a double trunk very close to the property line concrete wall/fence. Also, both tree groups are not in good condition as they are both regrowths with long, leggy trunks growing off old cut areas. If you really want to transplant the trees, you would need to hire someone who knows how to do so properly as survivability is a requirement, and I would want them to stay on your property not donated to St. Mary's.

If you want to remove the trees, please let me know and I can place this item on the Nov 13 Tree Commission agenda.

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*  
Urban Forestry Manager  
Certified Arborist  
City of Key West  
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