

TREE COMMISSION TREE REMOVAL REPORT
CITY of KEY WEST

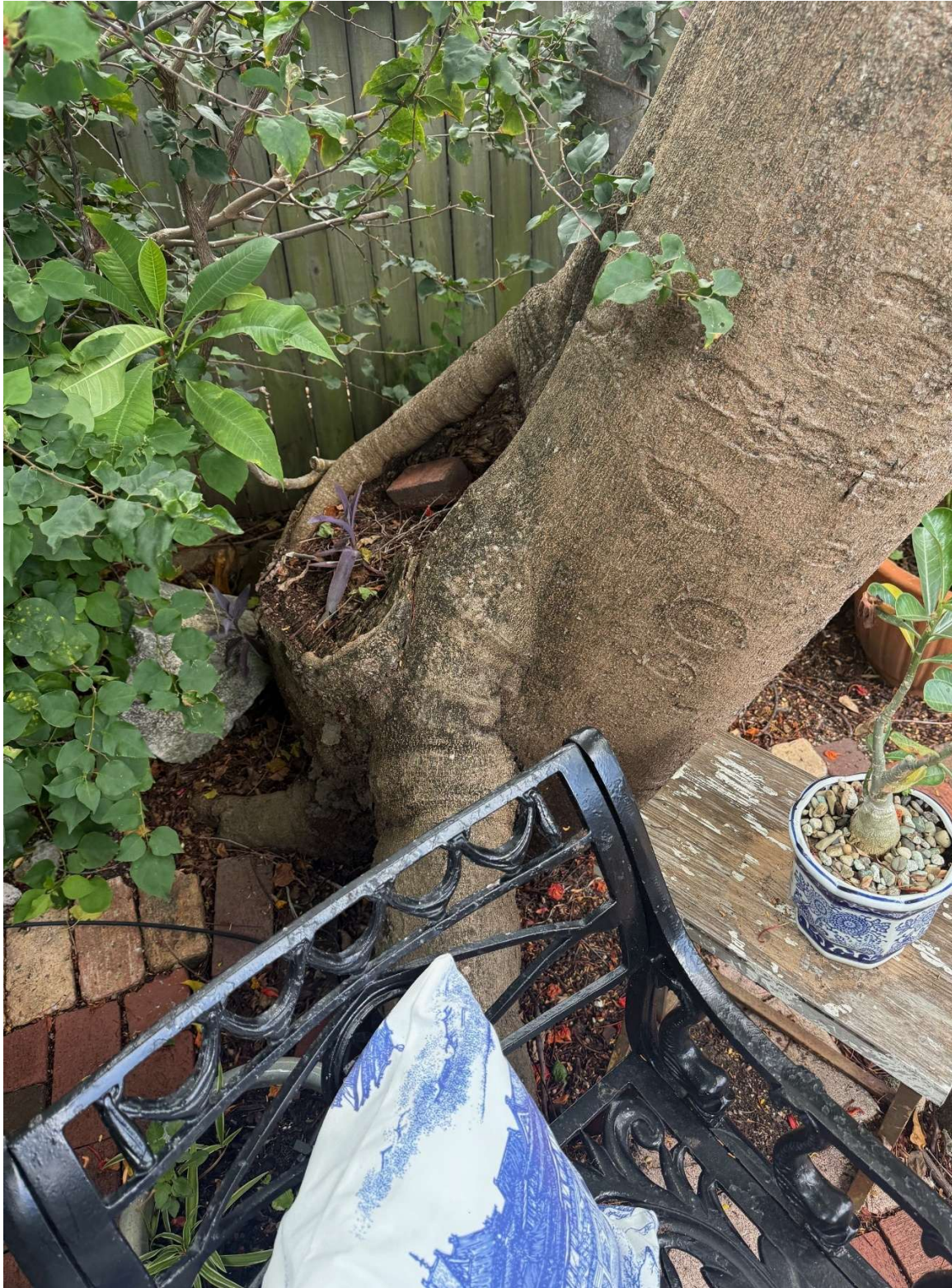
PROPERTY: 1203 Whitehead St.

APPLICATION NUMBER: T2025-0163

REQUEST: Property owner is seeking removal of (1) Royal Poinciana Tree

APPLICATION SUMMARY: An application was submitted for Tree Commission approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana.

TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS



Base of tree has an old cavity where it is hollowed out and appears another trunk once existed.



The cavity has no signs of active termites but may be so old there is no longer any heartwood for them to feed on.



An empty trunk about half way up the tree.



Detritus in the trunk from years of decay.



Photo of the tree standing at the front gate.



Photo of the crotch where the tree had a large limb many years ago.

Diameter: 20"

Condition: 60% (the tree is in fair health; the tree has a healthy canopy, but the hollow trunk is a concern)

Location: 80% (the tree can be seen from the road but is not a fixture or landmark in any way)

Species: 100% (on City of KW protected tree list)

Tree Value: 80%

Required Mitigation: 16 caliper inches

RECOMENDATION: Although the tree appears healthy and it is becoming almost common to find Royal Poincianas with a hollow trunk. I still find it concerning that the trees core is hollow and exposed.

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