

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 26, 2018

RE: **2900 N. Roosevelt Blvd-Key Plaza**
(permit applications # T18-8975 and T18-8976)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Sabal Palm and (1) Mahogany tree**. A site inspection was done on April 20, 2018 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Cabbage Palm (Sabal palmetto)



Sabal Palm





Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)





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Diameter: 24.2"

Location: 80% (some canopy shape impacts due to sidewalk, growing in a required landscape area for the commercial property.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (overall good condition, no obvious signs of decay, canopy is off balance and tree does need a proper maintenance trim to correct some of the interior branch structure)

Total Average Value = 83%

Value x Diameter = 20 replacement caliper inches

NOTE: Palm removal requests are usually a staff approval process unless the Urban Forester decides that the removal request is unwarranted then the property owner has the right to request the removal from the Tree Commission.

This landscape area along N. Roosevelt Blvd is currently pretty bare. Removal of the healthy Sabal palm would remove the last vegetation in that area. Plans are needed for new plantings in this landscape area.

The reason given for the removal of the Sabal palm and this tree is that they are overgrown and block visibility. The mahogany tree overall appears to be a healthy tree but does need a major maintenance trim.

Recommendation: Recommend DENIAL of the removal of one (1) Sabal Palm and (1) Mahogany tree at 2900 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

Karen DeMaria

From: Didier Ruiz <druiz@aubproperties.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: RE: Key Plaza in Key West Florida

Hi Karen – thank you for the quick reply, both trees are overgrown and blocking visibility. I would rather replant both trees through out the plaza. I am sure we can find a great place for both of them. I would also add smaller tree's or vegetation along the front where we remove these trees.

I will ask my local property manager Paul Reece to attend the meeting and I will try (twist my arm) to fly down to Key West and attend the meeting.

I agree with you that the landscaping looks very sad and would be open to renovating it in a multi-year landscaping plan. I need some expert help to get it back to what it should be, can you recommend someone?

I have tried to add color to the plaza by installing planters throughout. But that only lipstick and need to address the overall landscape.



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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Didier Ruiz <druiz@aubproperties.com>
Subject: RE: Key Plaza in Key West Florida

The application has been received. Why do you want to remove the trees? The palm is a Sabal Palm and the tree is a mahogany tree, both protected tree species. Removal will have to be reviewed by the Tree Commission which meets

once a month. We are currently accepting applications for the May 8 meeting. Someone must be at the meeting to represent the property and the trees. Who will be the representative? I have attached the letter of rep form that needs to be signed and notarized, for your use

I am sure these trees were planted as part of the original landscape plan and I am not aware that they have health issues. The existing landscaping at Key Plaza is very sad as it is and it would be nice if the property was maintained to include additional plantings and proper maintenance of the existing trees.

If a permit is issued for removal of the trees, the replacements are not 1 tree for 1 tree. Typical palm replacement is one native palm 4 ft tall for each palm removed and for dicot tree removals (ie: mahogany trees), the typical replacement requirement is based on the diameter of the tree times the value of the tree (species, location, and condition). As an example, the removal of a 10 inch diameter tree with a 50% value will require the planting of 5 caliper inches of tree on the property (caliper is a width measurement of the trunk of the tree). This might be one tree or 5 trees depending on the species and size of the tree replacements.

By the way, the Sabal Palm can easily be transplanted and I would recommend a heavy maintenance trimming permit to trim the mahogany tree versus removal.

I do need to know why the trees need to be removed in order to properly process this application.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Didier Ruiz [<mailto:druiz@aubproperties.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Key Plaza in Key West Florida

Good Afternoon – attached please find the application to cut two trees and re plant two trees within the plaza. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Regards,



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Application



PALM REMOVAL - 8975
CANOPY REMOVAL - 8976

Tree Permit Application

Date: April 11, 2018

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 2900 N. Roosevelt Blvd (Key Plaza)
Cross/Corner Street Kennedy Blvd
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 2 trees (1) Palm (1) other
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
Additional Information and Explanation over grow trees, will replant trees (2) through old Plaza.

Property Owner Name Key Plaza land trust % Auburndale Properties
Property Owner eMail Address Druid @ Aubproperties.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 50 Tice BLVD Suite 320 Woodcliff lake NJ 07677
Property Owner Mailing City Woodcliff lake State NJ Zip 07677
Property Owner Phone Number (201) 594 - 0173
Property Owner Signature Agent:

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

Attached Page's

A - cut tree

B - cut tree

C - Aerial showing 2 trees

D - Aerial showing new trees to be planted (2)

59' dbh palm approx 10ft tall
PIA

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



Tree Representation Authorization

Date: April 18, 2018

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 2900 N. Roosevelt Blvd
Property Owner Name Key Plaza Land Trust % Aubundale Properties
Property Owner eMail Address Drwiz @ AubProperties .com
Property Owner Mailing Address 50 Tice Blvd Suite 320
Property Owner Mailing City Woodcliff Lake State NJ Zip 07677
Property Owner Phone Number (201) 594 - 6173
Property Owner Signature _____
Representative Name Didier Ruiz
Representative eMail Address Drwiz @ Aubproperties .com
Representative Mailing Address 50 Tice Blvd Suite 320
Representative Mailing City Woodcliff Lake State NJ Zip 07677
Representative Phone Number (201) 594 - 6173

I Benjamin Dempsey, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature _____

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 18 day April.

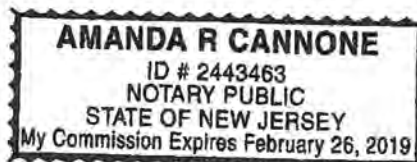
By (Print name of Affiant) Benjamin Dempsey who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Amanda Cannone Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Amanda Cannone

My Commission Expires: 2/26/19





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Property Owner Mailing City Woodcliff Lake State NJ Zip 07677
Property Owner Phone Number (201) 594-6173
Property Owner Signature _____
Representative Name Paul Reece
Representative eMail Address bpk Paul@gmail.com
Representative Mailing Address 17282 Cobia Court
Representative Mailing City Sugarloaf State FL Zip 33042
Representative Phone Number (305) 394-2030

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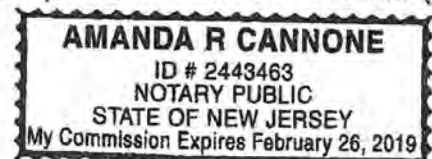
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Sign Name: Amanda Cannone

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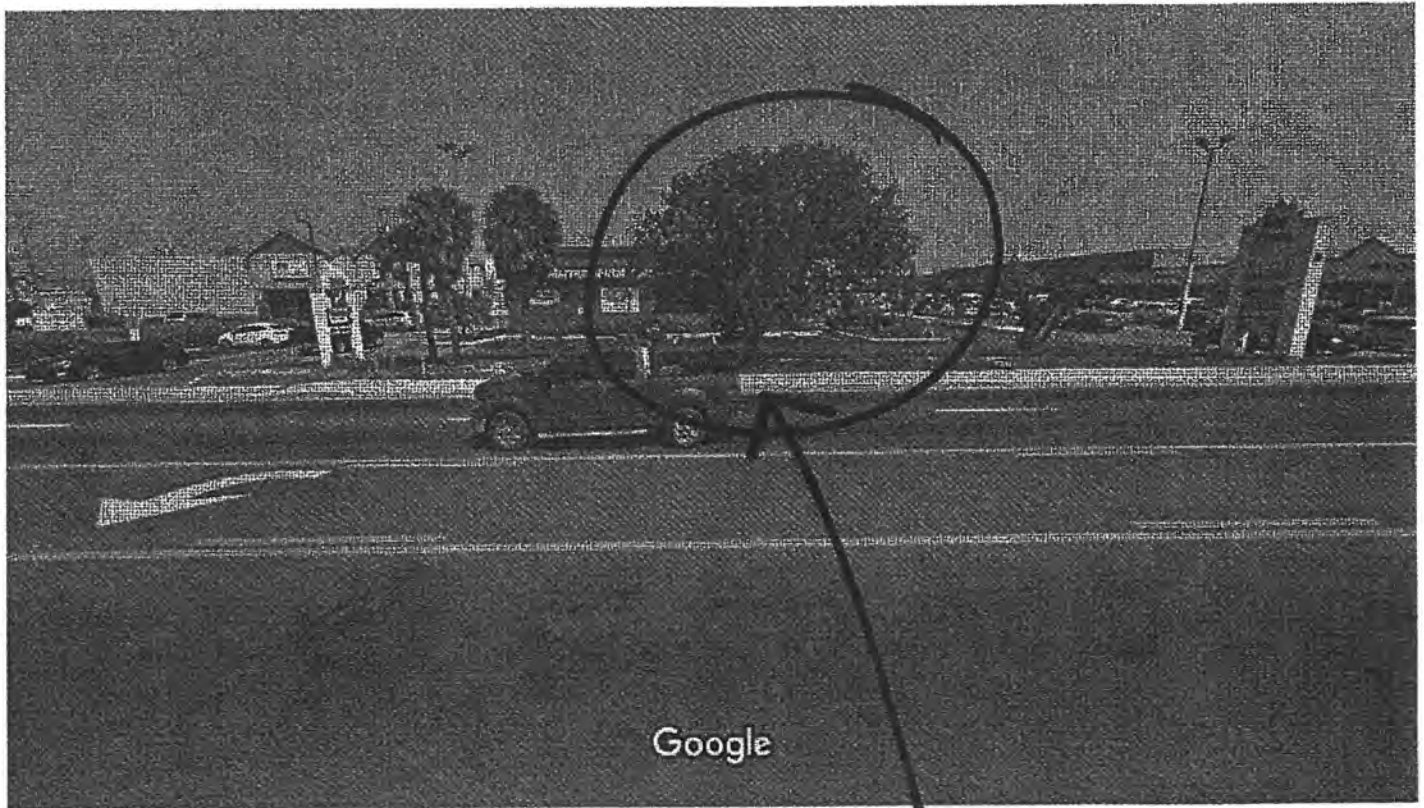
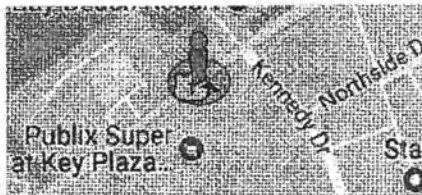


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Street View - Jul 2015



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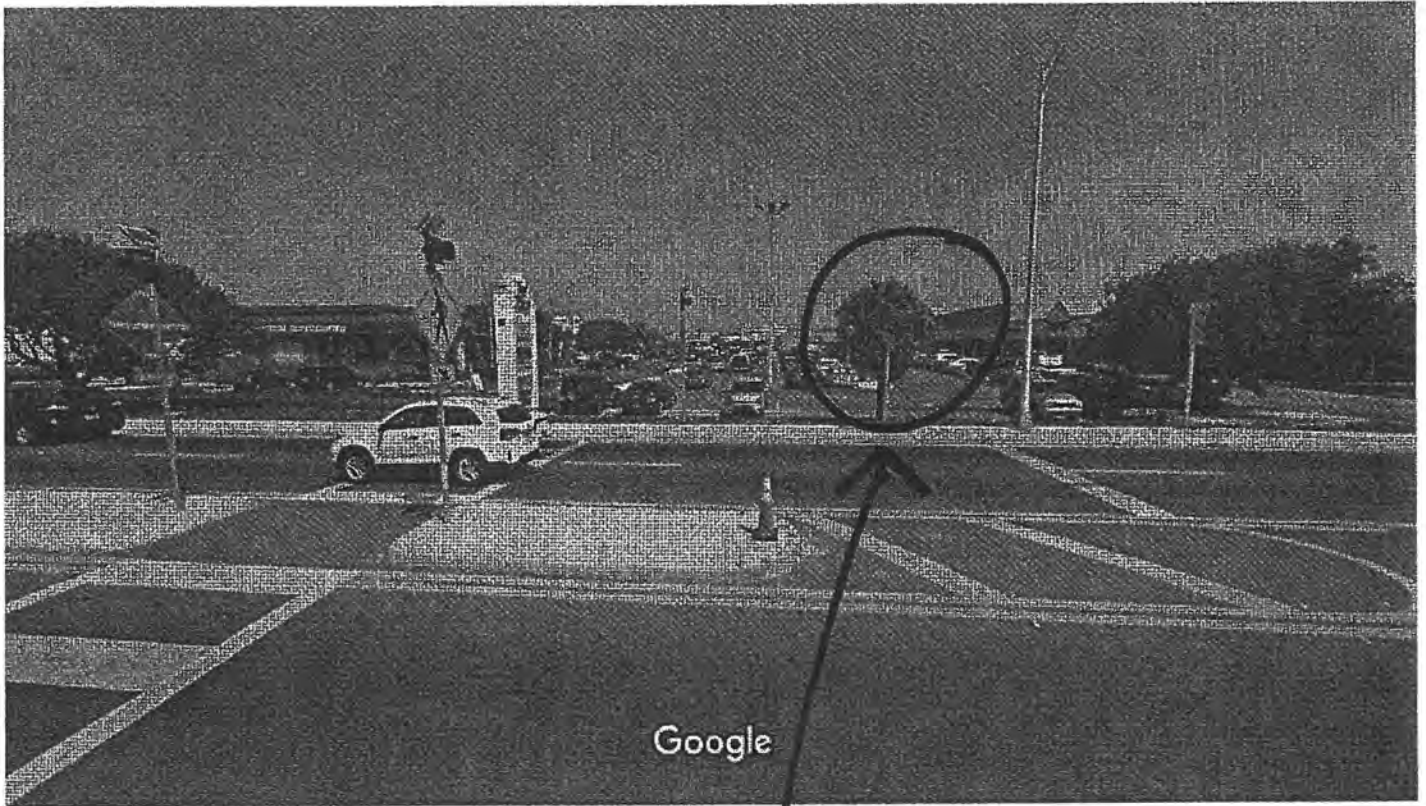


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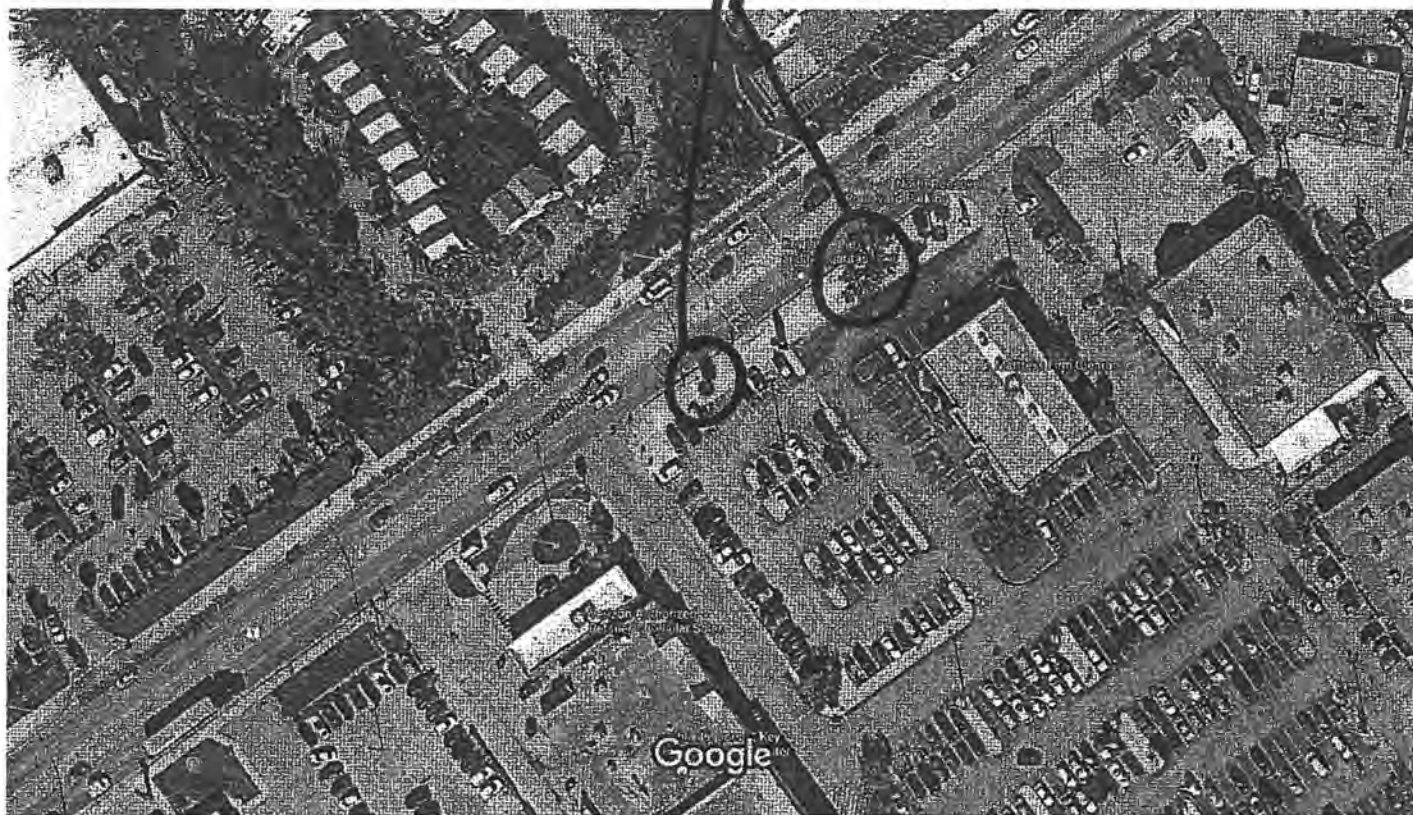
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