



# Historic Architectural Review Commission

## Staff Report for Item 3

To: Chairman Bryan Green and  
Historic Architectural Review Commission Members

From: Enid Torregrosa Silva, MSHP  
Historic Preservation Planner

Meeting Date: November 20, 2019

Applicant: Audubon House and Tropical Gardens

Application Number: H2019-0043

Address: #213 Whitehead Street

### **Description of Work:**

After-the-fact mural completed on the external wall of the gallery/ gift store/ office building by artist Chase Cantrell.

### **Site Facts:**

The mural was painted on a non-historic structure that is part of the complex known as the Audubon House. The building in question sits on a different parcel from the historic house built by John Huling Geiger. The building, built in 1992, is a one-story frame structure that houses the Audubon House museum shop and administrative offices. The mural was painted on the south wall of the building; it faces the neighboring property, 215 Whitehead Street, and is visible from the street. The artist is Chase Cantrell.

### **Guidelines Cited on Review:**

- Murals in the Historic District page 5.

### **Staff Analysis:**

A Certificate of Appropriateness is under review for an after-the-fact mural painted on a commercial property depicting a pink flamingo with bright colors on the background and grass

and water depictions under the extended wings. Two phrases are included in the mural “Do you do Flamingo?” and “Key West Support Local Artists”. The mural is over the existing siding, was painted with spray paint, and finished with matte acrylic clear coat. The mural dimensions are 8 feet tall by 15 feet wide, or 135 square feet.

John James Audubon was a naturalist, ornithologist, and painter. One of his hobbies was documenting all types of American birds and their natural habitats. Born in Haiti in 1785 he traveled extensively the nation studying and painting bird’s portraits. His worldwide-recognized portfolio *The Birds of America* includes twenty-two plates representing birds Audubon observed and painted in Florida, one of them the flamingo. “*Local folklore says Audubon visited the gardens that existed on the property in 1832 and used images from the gardens in his drawings of local birds*”. (Excerpt from The Audubon House webpage)

Flamingos are endemic to Central and South America and the Caribbean. Not a native bird to the Florida Keys, the Audubon House and Tropical Gardens Museum Shop include a variety of prints of *Audubon’s Birds of the Florida Keys* that includes an American flamingo. The Museum shop offers local artists’ works like pottery, stained glass, and jewelry as well as works from international artists.



**From the Audubon House and Gardens webpage.**

**Consistency with Cited Guidelines:**

It is staff's opinion that the vibrant colors and the spray-painting medium used in the mural are not appropriate for the historic urban context. The artwork is not compatible with the historic character of the district. Furthermore, staff finds that the artwork attracts passersby to their facilities, due to the depicted bird and its relationship to Audubon, which is contrary to the definition of murals. By no means has staff found the artwork done is a representation of Audubon's art piece, but rather an association with the organization. Staff opines that the medium used for this specific work may encourage other artists to create graffiti artwork, which is not well suited with the period of significance of the historic district. The applicant has submitted their maintenance and development plan, as well as a consent letter from their neighboring residential property.

If the Commission finds the artwork conforms to the mural guidelines, the application must be submitted to the City Commission for final approval, as required by Resolution 99-430.

# APPLICATION

# HARC MAJOR PROJECTS CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

\$400 NON-REFUNDABLE BASE APPLICATION FEE - OTHER FEES MAY BE APPLICABLE



**City of Key West**  
1300 WHITE STREET  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

HARC COA # <b>2019-0043</b>	REVISION #	INITIAL & DATE
FLOOD ZONE	ZONING DISTRICT	BLDG PERMIT #

**A PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH HARC STAFF IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL.**

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

NAME ON DEED:

OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS:

APPLICANT NAME:

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

**205 Whitehead St Key West, FL 33040**  
**Audubon House** PHONE NUMBER **(305) 294-2116**  
 EMAIL **(305) 294-2116**

**Audubon House and Tropical Gardens** PHONE NUMBER **(305) 294-2116**  
 EMAIL **audubonhouse@audubonhouse.org**  
**205 Whitehead street**  
**Key West, FL 33040**

*Rai W. [Signature]* DATE **10-11-19**

**ANY PERSON THAT MAKES CHANGES TO AN APPROVED CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION.**

FLORIDA STATUTE 837.06: WHOEVER KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN WRITING AND WITH THE INTENT TO MISLEAD A PUBLIC SERVANT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTY SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR OF THE SECOND DEGREE PUNISHABLE PER SECTION 775.082 OR 775.083. THE APPLICANT FURTHER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE SCOPE OF WORK AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION SHALL BE THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE APPLICANT AND THE CITY. THE APPLICANT FURTHER STIPULATES THAT SHOULD FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE CITY FOR EXCEEDING THE SCOPE OF THE DESCRIPTION OF WORK, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND IF THERE IS CONFLICTING INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND THE SUBMITTED PLANS, THE AFOREMENTIONED DESCRIPTION OF WORK SHALL BE CONTROLLING.

PROJECT INCLUDES: REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS No RELOCATION OF A STRUCTURE No ELEVATION OF A STRUCTURE No  
 PROJECT INVOLVES A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE: YES \_\_\_ NO No INVOLVES A HISTORIC STRUCTURE: YES \_\_\_ NO ✓  
 PROJECT INVOLVES A STRUCTURE THAT IS INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER: YES \_\_\_ NO ✓

**DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION INCLUDING MATERIALS, HEIGHT, DIMENSIONS, SQUARE FOOTAGE, LOCATION, ETC.**

GENERAL: see attached description

MAIN BUILDING: No

DEMOLITION (PLEASE FILL OUT AND ATTACH DEMOLITION APPENDIX):

No



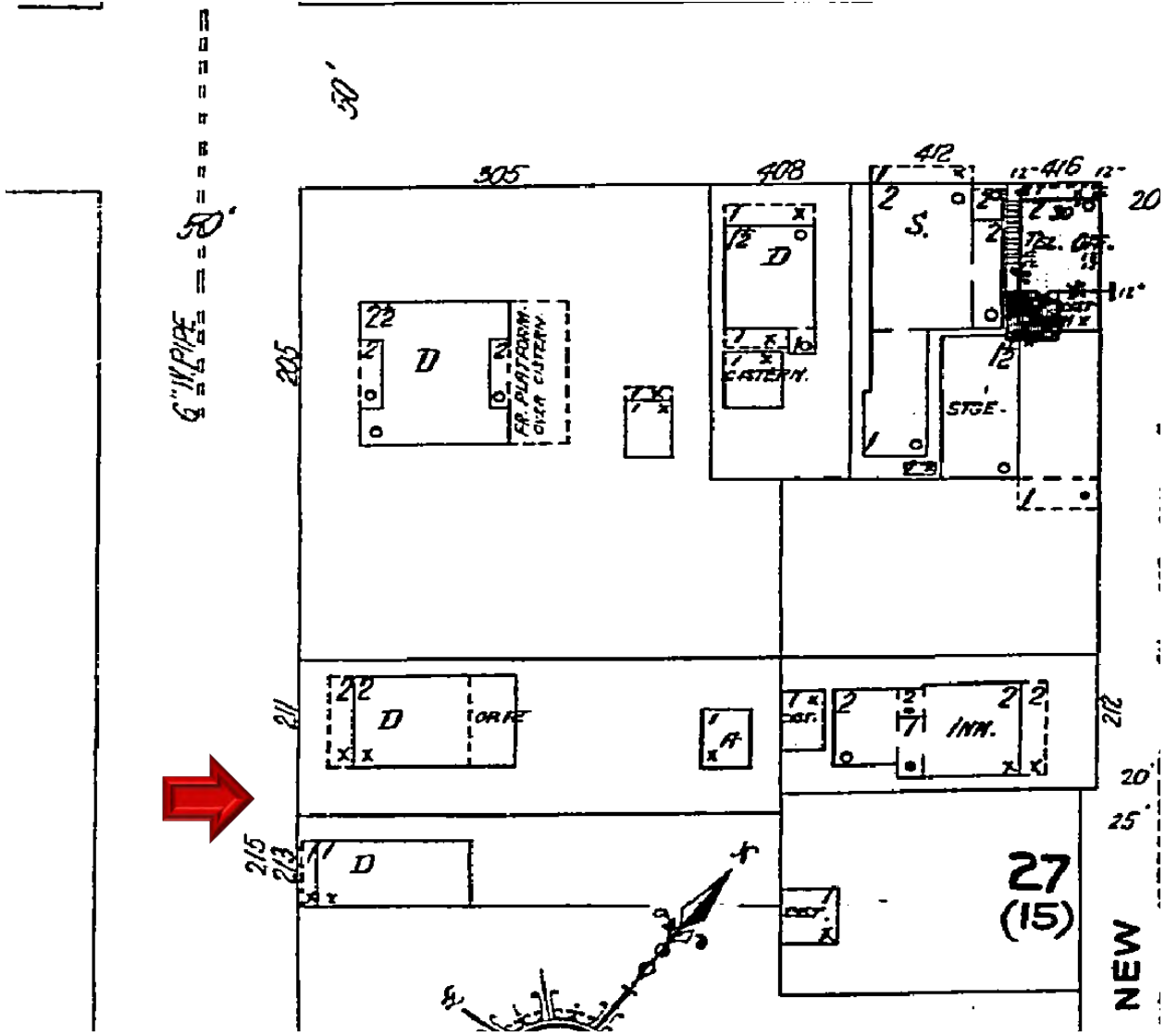
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON WITH HARD COPIES BY 3PM ON THE SCHEDULED DEADLINE  
PLEASE SEND AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS TO HARC@CITYOFKEYWEST-FLGOV

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE(S): mural was completed on an external wall of our gallery/gift store/office building.	
PAVERS: No	FENCES: No
DECKS: No	PAINTING: mural (spray paint)
SITE (INCLUDING GRADING, FILL, TREES, ETC.): No	POOLS (INCLUDING EQUIPMENT): No
ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT (GAS, A/C, VENTS, ETC.): No	OTHER:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:	HARC COMMISSION REVIEW		EXPIRES ON:	
MEETING DATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	INITIAL:
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REASONS OR CONDITIONS:				
STAFF REVIEW COMMENTS: Not historic building. Guidelines for murals. <i>et.</i>				
FIRST READING FOR DEMO:		SECOND READING FOR DEMO:		
HARC STAFF SIGNATURE AND DATE:		HARC CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE AND DATE:		

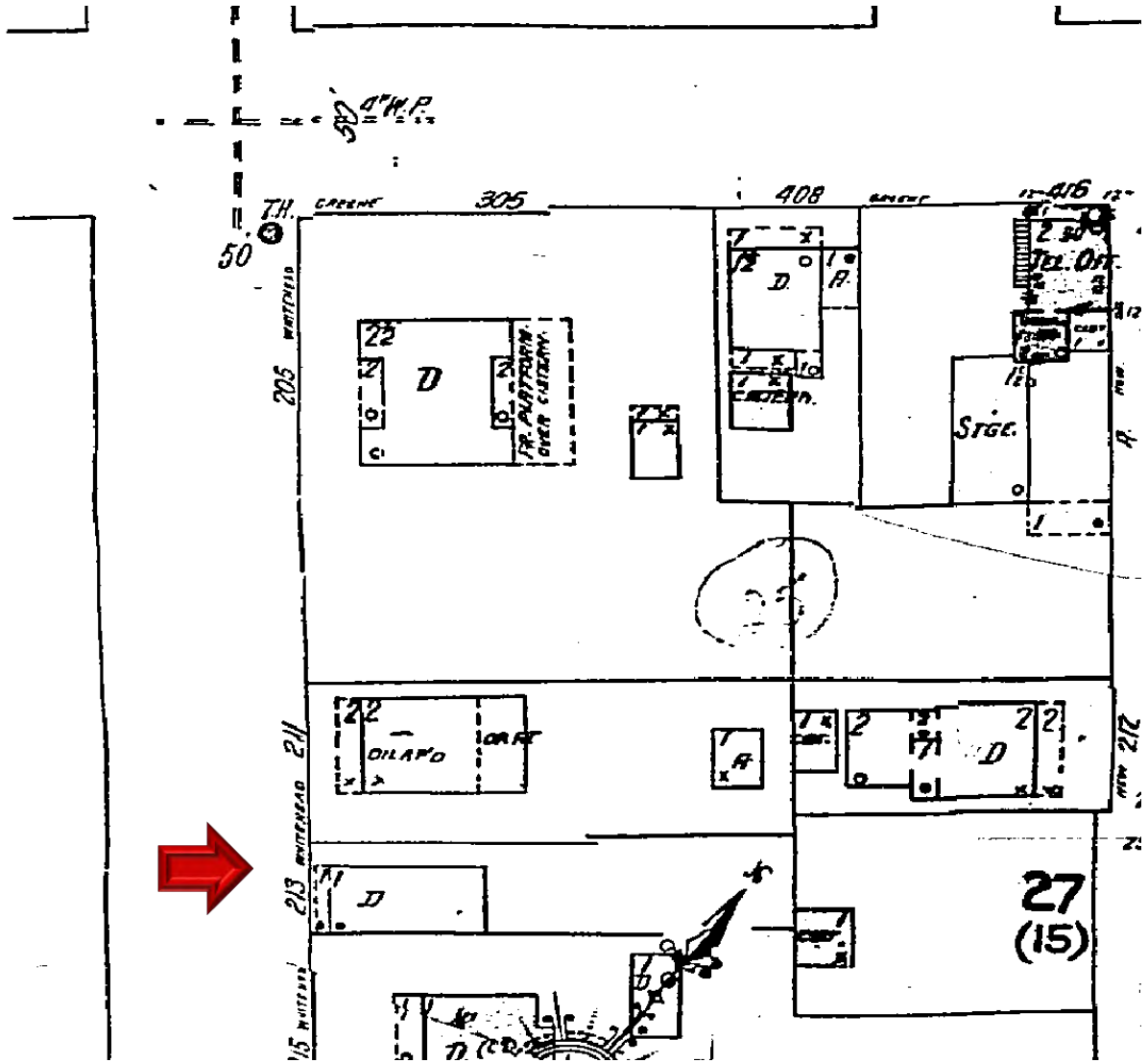
THIS APPLICATION MAY BE REVIEWED BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

# SANBORN MAPS

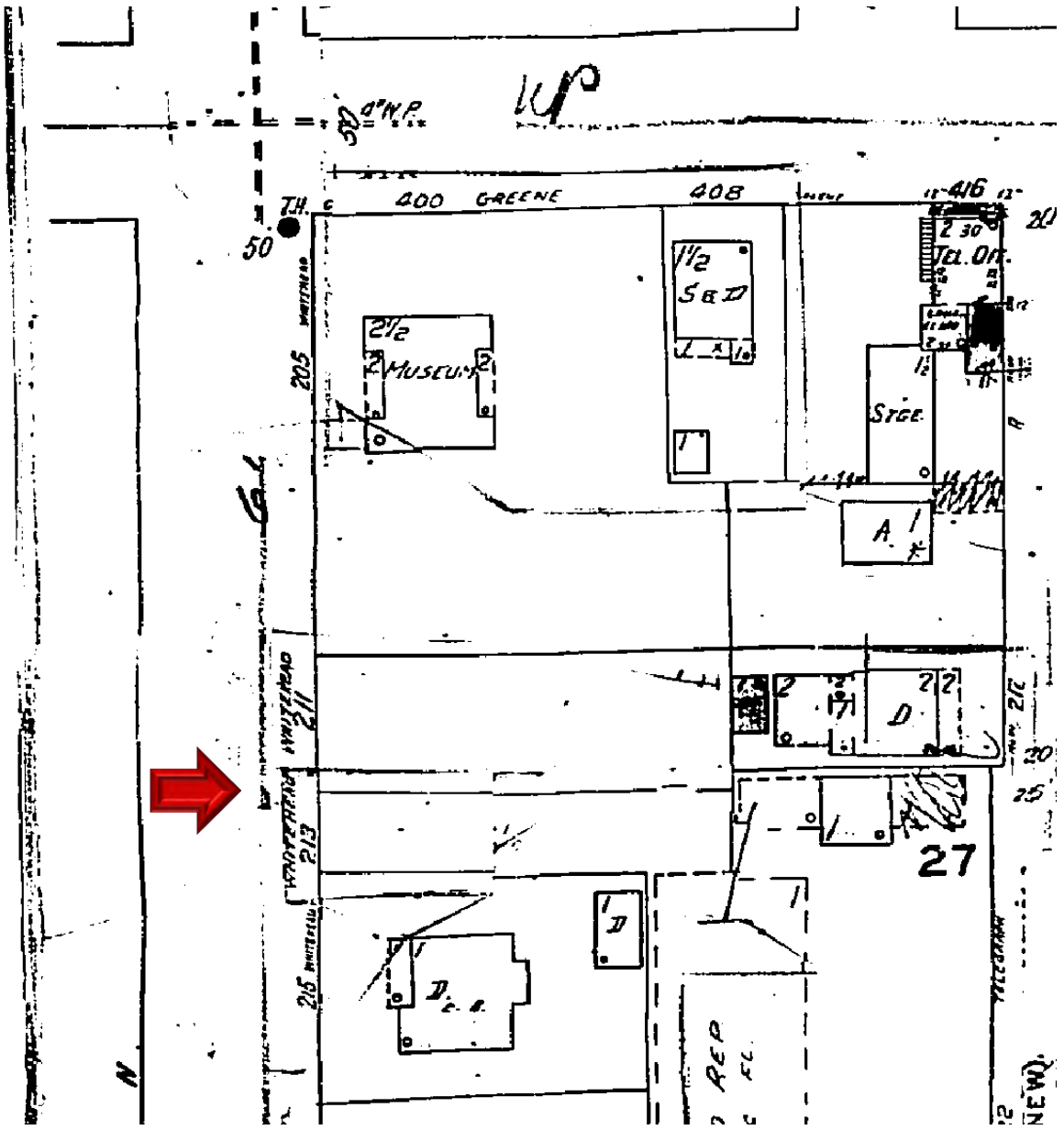


1926 Sanborn Map





1948 Sanborn Map



1962 Sanborn Map

# PROPOSED DESIGN





Mural Location

Legend

Sunset Ln

Telegraph Ln

Mural Location

Google Earth

©2018 Google

80 ft





As owners of the Audubon House & Tropical Gardens, we (Randi Wolfson and Louis Wolfson III) allow Chase Cantrell to represent us at the HARC meeting (Nov. 20, 2019) as well as his work, the painted mural which was done August 5-12, 2019. Thank You!

### **Biography on Artist: Chase Cantrell:**

Born in Maui, Hawaii and raised on California's west coast, Chase Cantrell has always felt inspired in warm, tropical climates. So naturally, when Chase first came to Key West, he fell in love with the natural beauty surrounding the string of islands that make up the Florida Keys. It is this natural beauty that has strongly influenced Chase's artwork and played a huge part in the development of his unmistakable bright, and colorful style. His artwork mainly consists of an exaggerated depiction of common foliage and plant life as well as various wildlife that inhabit the tropics.

Chase has completed mural works all over Florida, from businesses to residences and everything in between. Drawn to nature and wildlife, you can find Chase working canvases in his outdoor studio in the heart of old town key west, keeping his eye sharp for upcoming large-scale mural projects, which is where his true passion lies. Chase has been known to use a multitude of materials and mediums when creating art, but in order to guarantee his murals will stand up to the elements and hold their true color for years to come, he sticks to high quality artist acrylics when installing an exterior, public piece.

Chase hopes to branch out of Florida, and bring this gorgeous scenery to the rest of the world. Especially to areas that are deprived of natural vivid colors and lush fauna.

### **Detailed project description including materials, height, dimensions, square footage, location etc.:**

#### **A development plan:**

The mural is to Support Local Key West artists and the City of Key West. The mural was placed on an external wall of our gallery/gift store/ office building, which we built and is NOT part of the 1850's historic Museum home, they are completely separate structures. The mural also faces where our staff park their cars and is not blatantly seen from the passerby. No money was given to the artist for this public work of art. The mural depicts a Flamingo with its wings spread open wide and the question: How do you Flamingo? engages the viewer to take a picture with the mural art and share that moment on social media.

The image to be painted depicts a Florida native Flamingo with its wings spread, and standing on one leg in the iconic flamingo fashion. The backdrop to the bird will either be a classic sunset over the ocean with ripples of colorful reflections in the water and low-lying grasslands. This element of the piece will be painted in such a way that offers a bit of realism, and depth from shore to the distant horizon. The signage feature of this painting will be in the foremost layer, with great attention to perspective and scale to ensure the words harmonize with the rest of the piece. The words to be shown were chosen directly by the client and are listed as follows: "Support Local Artists" , " How do you FLamingo? " , "Key West", and "artist name"

Wall Mural sized at 135 square feet (8 feet tall x 15 feet wide)

Material used: spray paint

Structure surface: wood panels

Rendered Mural Picture (completed on a IPAD):



**A Maintenance plan:** We (AHTG maintenance) have taken responsibility to preserve and take proper care of this piece. Using a soft brush, cold water and dish soap. It can we gently washed over. The artist guaranteed it for 5 years.

**Mural Completed:**





From the Actual Street View (Whitehead St.):



























How Do You FLamingo?

Key West

Support  
Local  
Artists

@CHASE.CANTRELL





Key West

Support  
Local  
Artists

@CHASE.CANTRELL



## Laura McKenna

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**From:** John Abramson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** Laura McKenna  
**Subject:** FW:

**From:** judy faulkner [mailto:lakegroundhog1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John Abramson  
**Subject:**

Hi John,

Regarding the mural on the wall of the Audubon House that faces our home, 215 Whitehead Street, we would like to extend our appreciation and approval.

We think the mural is beautiful and captures the essence of Old Town Key West.

Thank you for the great view.

Judy Faulkner and Art Riexinger

# NOTICING

# Public Meeting Notice

The Historic Architectural Review Commission will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., November 20, 2019 at City Hall, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider a request for:

AFTER-THE-FACT MURAL COMPLETED ON THE EXTERNAL WALL OF THE GALLERY/ GIFT STORE/ OFFICE BUILDING BY ARTIST CHASE CANTRELL.

#213 WHITEHEAD STREET

**Applicant – Audubon House and Tropical Gardens Application #H2019-0043**

If you wish to see the application or have any questions, you may visit the Planning Department during regular office hours at 1300 White Street, call 305-809-3973 or visit our website at [www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov](http://www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov).

**THIS NOTICE CAN NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE UNTIL HARC FINAL DETERMINATION**

ADA ASSISTANCE: It is the policy of the City of Key West to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please call the TTY number at 800-955-8771 or 800-955-8770 (Voice) or the ADA Coordinator at 305-809-3811 at least five business days in advance for sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in accessible format.



GALLERY

Public Meeting Notice





# HARC POSTING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA:  
COUNTY OF MONROE:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Laura E McHenry, who, first being duly sworn, on oath, depose and says that the following statements are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1. That a legal notice for Public Notice of Hearing of the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC) was placed on the following address: 213 Whitehead Street Key West, FL on the 5th day of November, 2019.

This legal notice(s) contained an area of at least 8.5"x11".

The property was posted to notice a public hearing before the Key West Historic Architectural Review Commission to be held on November 20th, 2019.

The legal notice(s) is/are clearly visible from the public street adjacent to the property.

The Certificate of Appropriateness number for this legal notice is #2019-0043

2. A photograph of that legal notice posted in the property is attached hereto.

Signed Name of Affiant:

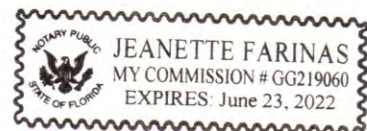
Laura E McHenry  
Date: 11/5/19  
Address: 213 Whitehead St  
City: Key West  
State, Zip: FL 33040

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 5th day of November, 2019.

By (Print name of Affiant) Laura E McHenry who is personally known to me or has produced FLDL M250525687130 as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Jeanette Farinas  
Print Name: Jeanette Farinas  
Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)  
My Commission Expires: 6/23/22



# PROPERTY APPRAISER INFORMATION



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

**Summary**

Parcel ID 00001530-000000  
 Account# 1001589  
 Property ID 1001589  
 Millage Group 10KW  
 Location Address 213 WHITEHEAD St, KEY WEST  
 Legal Description KW PT LOT 3 SQR 15 OR195-372/73 OR538-17 OR936-936/AFF OR936-937 OR946-2036Q/C  
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)  
 Neighborhood 32020  
 Property Class CLUB (7700)  
 Subdivision  
 Sec/Twp/Rng 06/68/25  
 Affordable Housing No



**Owner**

MITCHELL WOLFSON FAMILY FOUNDATION INC  
 C/O WOLFSON LOUIS III  
 9400 S DADELAND BLVD STE 100  
 Miami FL 33156

**Valuation**

	2019	2018	2017	2016
+ Market Improvement Value	\$264,396	\$236,958	\$247,568	\$267,228
+ Market Misc Value	\$19,238	\$19,616	\$19,994	\$20,750
+ Market Land Value	\$1,288,806	\$1,239,864	\$991,891	\$991,369
= Just Market Value	\$1,572,440	\$1,496,438	\$1,259,453	\$1,279,347
= Total Assessed Value	\$1,523,937	\$1,385,398	\$1,259,453	\$1,279,347
- School Exempt Value	(\$1,572,440)	(\$1,496,438)	(\$1,259,453)	(\$1,279,347)
= School Taxable Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Land**

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
COMMERCIAL EXEMPT (100E)	8,157.00	Square Foot	67	0

**Commercial Buildings**

Style TOURIST ATTRAC-A- / 35A  
 Gross Sq Ft 4,834  
 Finished Sq Ft 2,010  
 Perimeter 0  
 Stories 1  
 Interior Walls  
 Exterior Walls AB AVE WOOD SIDING  
 Quality 400 ()  
 Roof Type  
 Roof Material  
 Exterior Wall1 AB AVE WOOD SIDING  
 Exterior Wall2  
 Foundation  
 Interior Finish  
 Ground Floor Area  
 Floor Cover  
 Full Bathrooms 0  
 Half Bathrooms 2  
 Heating Type  
 Year Built 1992  
 Year Remodeled  
 Effective Year Built 1993  
 Condition

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
FLG	6 SIDED SECT	934	934	0
OPX	EXC OPEN PORCH	282	0	0
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	1,076	1,076	0
OPF	OP PRCH FIN LL	373	0	0

Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
PTO	PATIO	2,134	0	0
SBF	UTIL FIN BLK	35	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,834</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>0</b>

**Yard Items**

Description	Year Built	Roll Year	Quantity	Units	Grade
FENCES	1988	1989	1	1540 SF	2
BRICK PATIO	1991	1992	1	184 SF	4
WATER FEATURE	1994	1995	1	1 UT	2
BRICK PATIO	2001	2002	1	1734 SF	2

**Sales**

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Instrument Number	Deed Book	Deed Page	Sale Qualification	Vacant or Improved
3/1/1985	\$250,000	Warranty Deed		936	937	Q - Qualified	Vacant

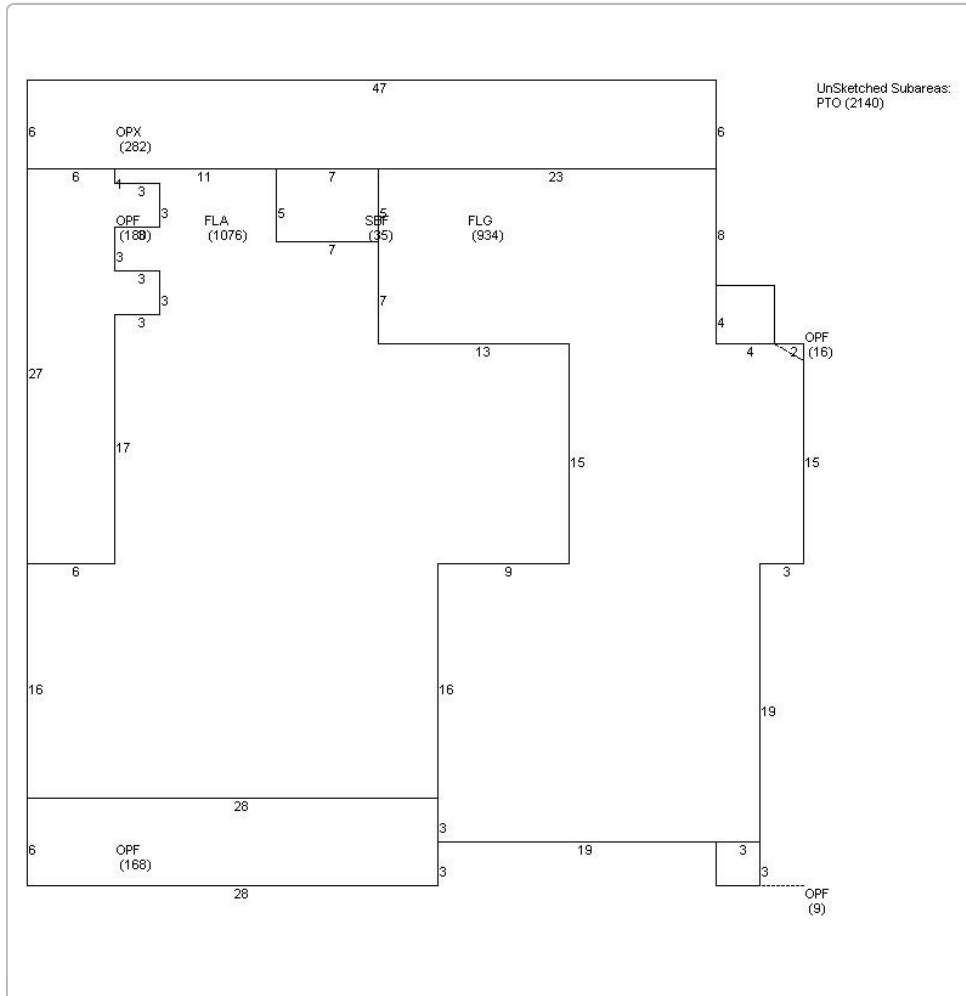
**Permits**

Number	Date Issued	Date Completed	Amount	Permit Type	Notes
0101766	9/12/2001	12/28/2001	\$220,000		ADDITION
0101064	3/5/2001	12/28/2001	\$3,600		ALARM SYSTEM

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**Sketches (click to enlarge)**



**Photos**



Map



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2019 Notices Only

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