

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 2, 2022

RE: **Administrative Hearing for 1409 Albury Street (TC2022-0004)**

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

On June 23, 2021, an application was submitted to remove a gumbo limbo tree from 1409 Albury Street. The application was postponed due to lack of representation at the meeting and no communication with the property owner. Because the file remained in a pending status, a drive by inspection was periodically done.

On March 4, 2022, while driving by the property I noticed that the tree canopy had been trimmed. Half of the canopy had been removed without benefit of a heavy maintenance trimming permit and the final cut was an improper, flat cut larger than 6 inches diameter.

On March 14, 2022, while doing a site inspection to take additional photos, the property owner happened to be on site and we spoke about the tree trimming and the pending application. At that time it was also documented that new pavers had been installed around the base of the tree, primary roots had been cut without benefit of a trimming permit, and concrete had been placed in the surface root areas. Later that day the property owner submitted a representation form and requested processing of the tree removal application.



Photo of tree showing cut.

03/04/2022



Two photos of the whole tree, same view, one taken on 6/25/21 prior to trimming and one taken on 4/01/2022 after trimming.





Closeup photo of
cut area prior to
trimming.



Photo showing flat cut on
tree.

03/04/2022



Photo showing tree roots on west side of tree prior to paver work.

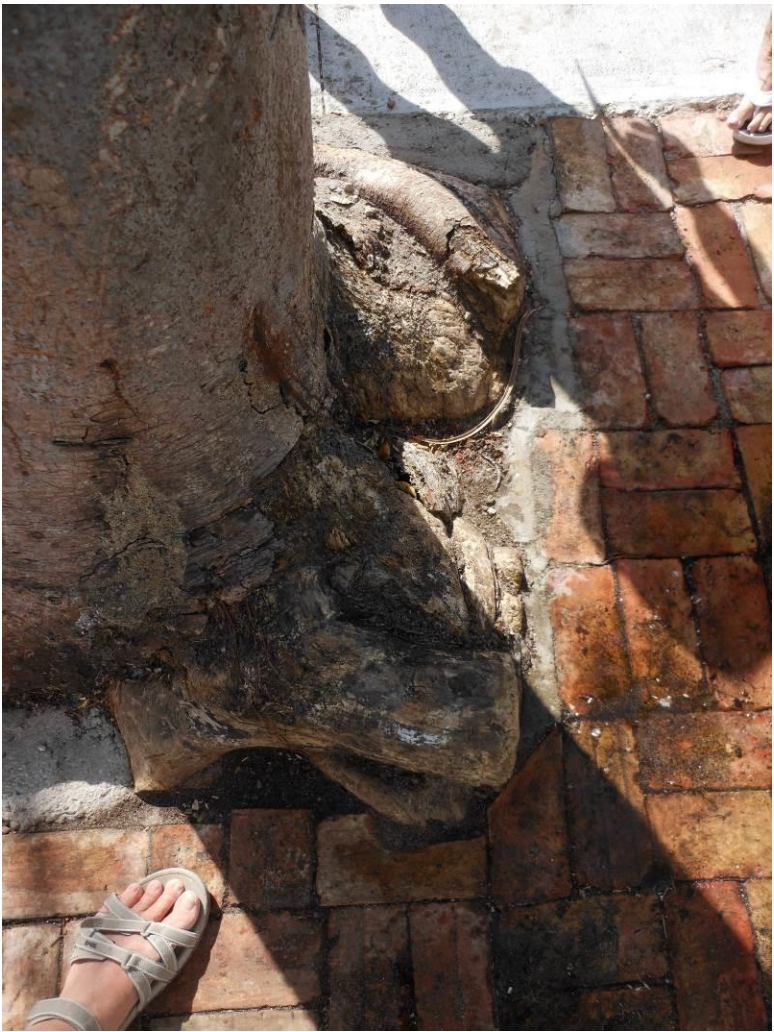


Photo of root system on the west side of tree after paver work.

March 14, 2022



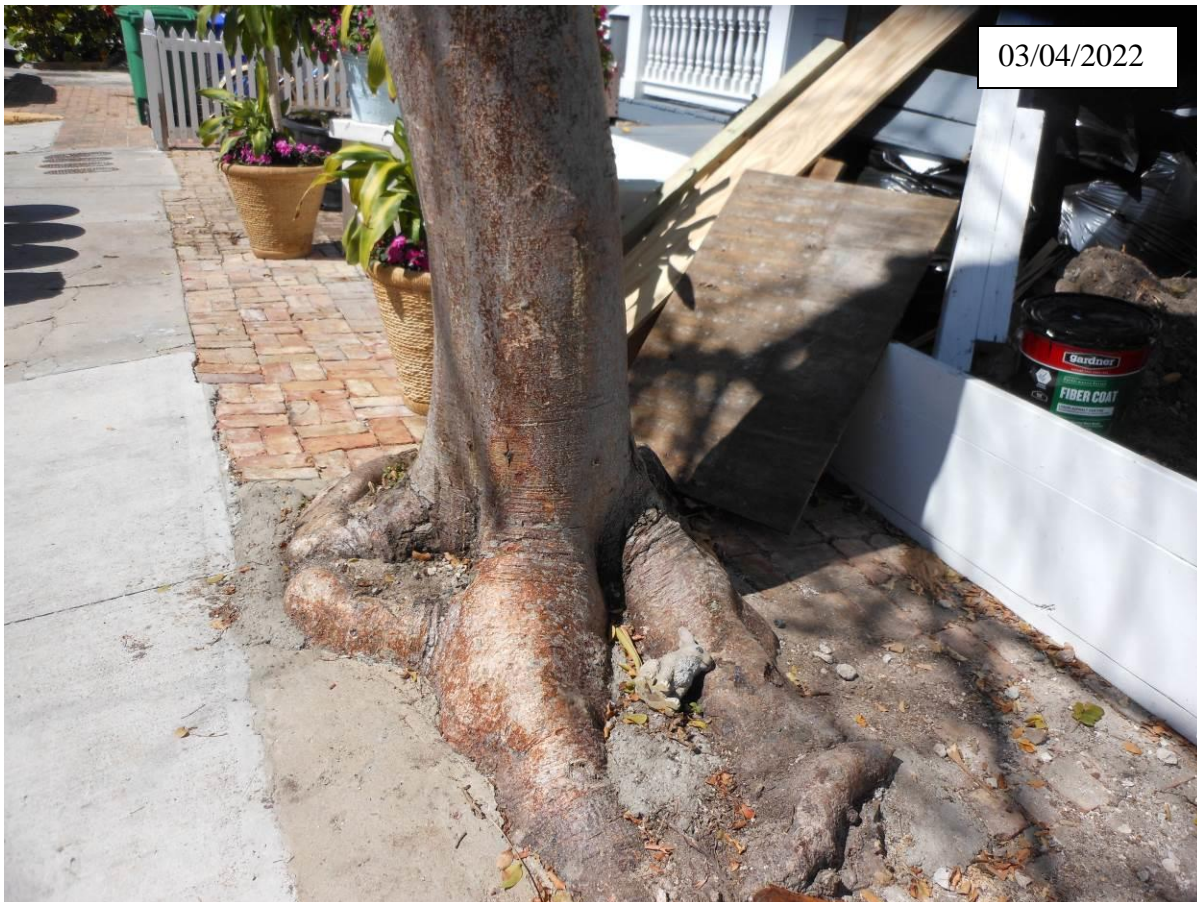
Photo showing entire base of tree after paver work.

03/14/2022



Photo showing base area of tree prior to paver work.

06/25/2021



Two photos showing east side of base of tree during and at completion of paver work.

