



City of Venice
Planning and Zoning Department
Memorandum

TO: Ed Lavalley, City Manager

THROUGH: Roger Clark, Planning and Zoning Director

FROM: Jim Yelverton, City Arborist

DATE: October 11, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Other

SUBJECT: Venetian Tree Nomination (Hoffschmidt)

Background: Venetian trees are native or non-native trees designated by City Council as having “*significance, desirability, or utility to the community.*” Trees on private property are nominated by the property owner where the tree is located and consented to by all property owners where the canopy overhangs. Trees designated by City Council as Venetian trees will be afforded protections regarding removal and certain pruning practices. Incentives for Venetian tree designation include the following:

- an annual consultation by the city arborist for the management and maintenance of the tree(s);
- provided funds are available, up to a \$250 grant to assist with the maintenance of the tree(s), one grant per calendar year per property owner and a maximum of five grants per year may be awarded;
- possible waiver of pruning permit fees; and
- an information plaque placed on public property and on private property if desired by the owner.

Note: To date, there have been 3 Venetian tree designations, and 0 grants of \$250 applied for by Venetian tree owners.

Nominated tree: 232 Gulf Drive; One Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*), 37” trunk diameter, approximately 60’ height, and an average crown spread of 27’

Ms. Kristin Hoffschmidt, property owner of 232 Gulf Drive, has nominated the subject tree. The tree is located in the back yard of her home. The health and condition of the tree are good. The structure of the tree is fair due to some improper pruning by the previous owner. The crown is

slightly off balance but is healthy and modestly dense. Ms. Hoffschmidt is working with a certified arborist to improve the crown structure and soil conditions for the tree. Staff considers the tree to be a good candidate for preservation and with Ms. Hoffschmidt's efforts expects the tree to thrive.

Requested action: We respectfully request designation of the subject tree as a Venetian tree.

City Attorney Review/ Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/ Approval: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

Original(s) Attached: N/A

Cc: Roger Clark