



City of Venice
Planning and Zoning Department
Memorandum

TO: Ed Lavalley, City Manager

[Signature]
6/24/21

THROUGH: Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director

FROM: Jim Yelverton, City Arborist

DATE: June 24, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Other

SUBJECT: Venetian Tree Nomination (Keller)

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 2 Venetian tree designations, and 0 grants of \$250 applied for by Venetian tree owners.

Nominated tree: 717 Guild Drive; one Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*), 24 inch diameter trunk with a crown spread of approximately 28 feet and approximate height of 28 feet.

Ms. Wendy Keller, property owner of 717 Guild Drive, has nominated the subject tree. The tree is located in the front yard of the home. The health and condition of the tree are good. The tree has a heavy, dense crown. The tree is near the driveway but there is still adequate space for crown growth and an ample root system. The tree's structure is fair with a two minor defects.

There is a damaged buttress root and some included bark at the union of the two main stems potentially creating a weak connection between stems. These defects are common in this species and do not appear to be a major concern. Staff considers the tree to be good candidate for preservation.

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: Jeff Shrum, Roger Clark