

TIGER

George Carey (1942-2010)

and Key West High School students

Steel

1988-1989

George Carey epitomizes the spirit of Key West... the rough and tumble combined with creative energy and talent. As with all of his works, the Tiger draws attention in his sun-drenched intensity. The KWHS "shop" students assisted Carey in welding each school mascot and proudly installed them as a part of the Art in Schools program.

The Key West City Hall was originally constructed as Monroe County High School in 1923, and in 1927. Over the next 90 years the school served as a high school, middle school, and finally as an elementary school named after Glynn Archer, a long-serving local educator. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, a smooth transition occurred as the all Black High School closed and the Frederick Douglass students were integrated into the Key West High School. In 1988, artist Carey built the "fighting tiger" mascot of Douglass High School students to honor/welcome/ as a gift for them.