

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: April 27, 2013

RE: 401 Margaret St (permit application # 6389)

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

An application was received for the removal of (1) **Orchid tree**. A site inspection was done on April 25, 2013 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Orchid (Bauhinia sp.)



Diameter: 13"

Location: 70%

Species: 50% (not on protected tree list or not protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (very poor health, rot)

Total Average Value = 46%



Value x Diameter = **5 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**

Recommendations: Approve the removal of (1) Orchid tree to be replaced with 5 caliper inches.



6389

City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

TC 4-26-13  
KCD

PO Box 1409  
Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: 305-809-3764  
Fax: 305-809-3978

RE#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alt Key: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Property Owner: Ken Higgins Date: 4-24-2013

Mailing Address: 401 Margaret St. Key West, FL 33040

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Ph#: (443) 803 1896

Represented by: Kenneth King Rep. Ph#: (305) 296-8101

Represented by mailing address: 1602 Lehd Key West, FL 33040

**Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application.**  
A letter of representation from the owner must accompany this application if the owner is unable to attend.

Letter of Representation ( )

Tree(s) Address: 401 Margaret St Cross/Corner Street: Eaton St

Common Name(s): Orchid Scientific Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Species Type(s) {check all that apply}: ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade

- Reason(s) for Application {check all that apply}:
- REMOVE ( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE
  - ( ) Tree Health ( ) New Location ( ) Branch Removal
  - Safety ( ) Same Property ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning
  - ( ) Other / Explain ( ) Other / Explain ( ) Crown Reduction

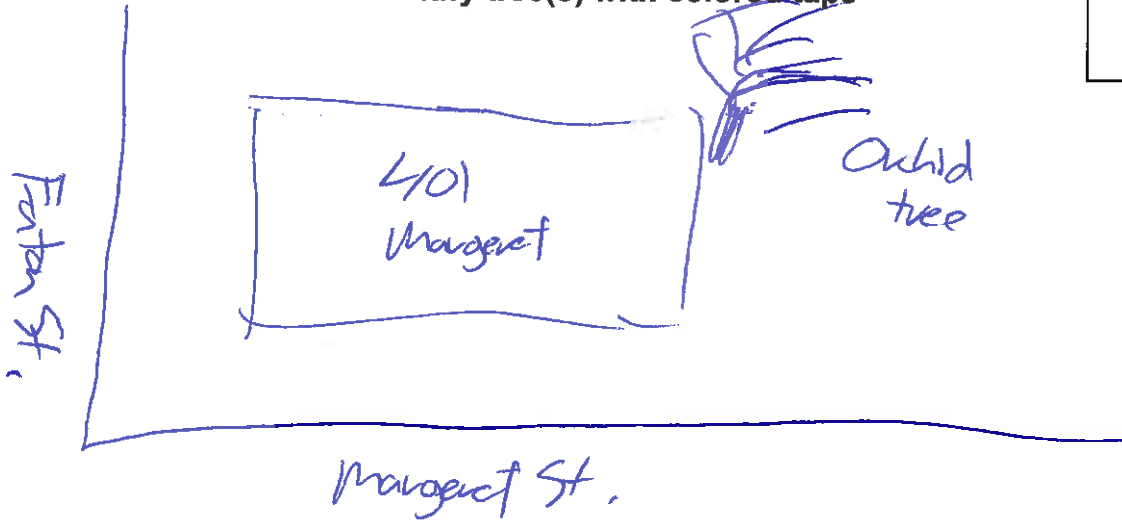
Reason(s) for request:  
The tree's trunk is severely decayed and ready to fall over.

Replacement plant material must be Florida Grade #1. Replacement of a palm with a native palm is required. Replacement of a canopy tree with a native canopy tree is required. If you need assistance with replacements, please call the Landscape Department at 305-809-3723. If this process requires blocking of a city right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact Diane Nicklaus 305-809-3951.

<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>

Provide access for viewing tree(s) prior to meeting  
Identify tree(s) with colored tape

AGENDA ITEM #



4-26-13  
KRD

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Tree Species \_\_\_\_\_

Circumference 3'5" = 41" ÷ 3.14 = diameter 13

Location 70 % Species 50 % Condition 20 % Total Average Value 46 %

Avg. value .46 X 13 Diameter very poor = 5"  
Replacement Inches

LOCATION: OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET, 5:00 p.m.

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( ) TABLED ( ) APPROVED ( ) DENIED ( ) FURTHER ACTION

COMMENTS:  
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JO Bennett <[jbennett@keywestcity.com](mailto:jbennett@keywestcity.com)>

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## Tree Removal

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ken higgins <[khiggins@gmail.com](mailto:khiggins@gmail.com)>  
To: [jbennett@keywestcity.com](mailto:jbennett@keywestcity.com)

Tue, Apr 23, 2013 at 9:28 AM

There is an orchid tree in the rear of our home at 401 Margaret St that is rotten from the roots to the top of the tree. It has become a hazard to us as well as our neighbors. I've asked Ken at Golden Bough Tree Service to remove it. Please allow him to be my rep at the upcoming Tree Commission meeting. Thank You

Ken Higgins  
[443 803 1896](tel:4438031896)