

Staff Report

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: December 26, 2013

RE: 1208 Von Phister Street (permit application #6645)

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

An application was received for the removal of **(2) Mahogany Trees**. A site inspection was done on December 12, 2013 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*)



Tree #1:



Diameter: 13"

Location: 50% (on property line-new fence issues, intertwined with ficus tree roots)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair overall-trunk structure poor, leaning with large branch growing off to side and codominant trunks, canopy fair-impacted by large ficus and kapot tree canopies nearby)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = **8.5 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**





Neighbor's
Kapot tree
canopy



Tree #1:



Diameter: 6 ”

Location: 60% (on property line where new fence to be placed, some root impacts from large ficus tree to be removed.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair-curved trunk, narrow canopy due to large ficus tree and neighbor’s kapot tree)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = **4 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**





View down
property line-old
cuts.

Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (2) Mahogany trees located at 1208 Von Phister Street, to be replaced with 12.5 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot tree.

Application



6645

City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

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

RE#: _____

Alt Key: _____

12-12-13
TC
Jan 2014
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Home/Property Owner: John Vitella Date: 12-7-13

Mailing Address: 1208 Van Phister

Owner Signature: John P. Vitella Owner Ph#: (516) 315-6867

Represented by: Just Keys Trees Rep. Ph#: 305-304-3144

Represented by mailing address: 5550 5th Ave. KW, Suite 6

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: 1208 Van Phister Cross/Corner Street: White St.

Common Name(s): Mahogany x2 Scientific Name(s): Swietenia mahagoni

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

Reason(s) for Application (check all that apply):

- REMOVE x2
- Tree Health
- Safety
- Other / Explain
- TRANSPLANT
- New Location
- Same Property
- Other / Explain
- HEAVY MAINTENANCE
- Branch Removal
- Crown Cleaning/Thinning
- Crown Reduction

Reason(s) for request:

Poor Structure, Remove to install fence addition.

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 >>>>

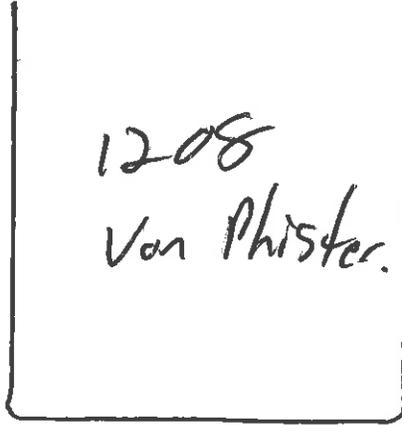
Provide access for viewing tree(s) prior to meeting
Identify tree(s) with colored tape

AGENDA ITEM #

Large tree Kapok?

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⊗ ①

Mahogany
⊗
existing ficus being removed permit #6579



12-12-13

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Tree Species ① 3'6" = 42" = 13" dbh ② 1'8" = 20" = 6" dbh

Circumference ① 50 ÷ 3.14 = diameter ② 50

Location ② 60 % Species 100 % Condition ② 60 % Total Average Value ② 73 %

Avg. value X Diameter total = 12.5" Replacement Inches
① .66 x 13" = 8.5"
② .73 x 6" = 4"
#2 narrow crown due to large tree next door

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

FOR TREE COMMISSION USE ONLY.

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

COMMENTS:

AUTHORIZATION LETTER

1208 Vonphister Street
(owner address)
Key West, FL 34404

Dear Tree Commissioners:

This letter is authorization and confirmation that I, John P. Vitello, have
(owner name)

retained Just Keys Trees to represent me in the matter of obtaining a
(representative name)
permit from the City of Key West for my property at 1208 Von Phister
(tree address)

You may contact me at 516-315-6867. Thank you.
(telephone number)

John P. Vitello
Signature

City of Key West Tree Commission
McCoy Indigenous Park
1801 White Street
Key West, FL 33040