

# **Staff Report**

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE**

DATE: January 27, 2014

**RE: 1210 Von Phister Street (permit application #6720 )**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(3) Mahogany trees and (1) Shaving Brush tree**. A site inspection was done on January 23, 2014 and documented the following:

1. Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Tree #1

Diameter: 4.4"

Location: 60% (under utility lines, street tree, impacted by coconut palm)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair health overall, poor canopy shape due to competition with other mahogany and coconut palm)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = **3 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**

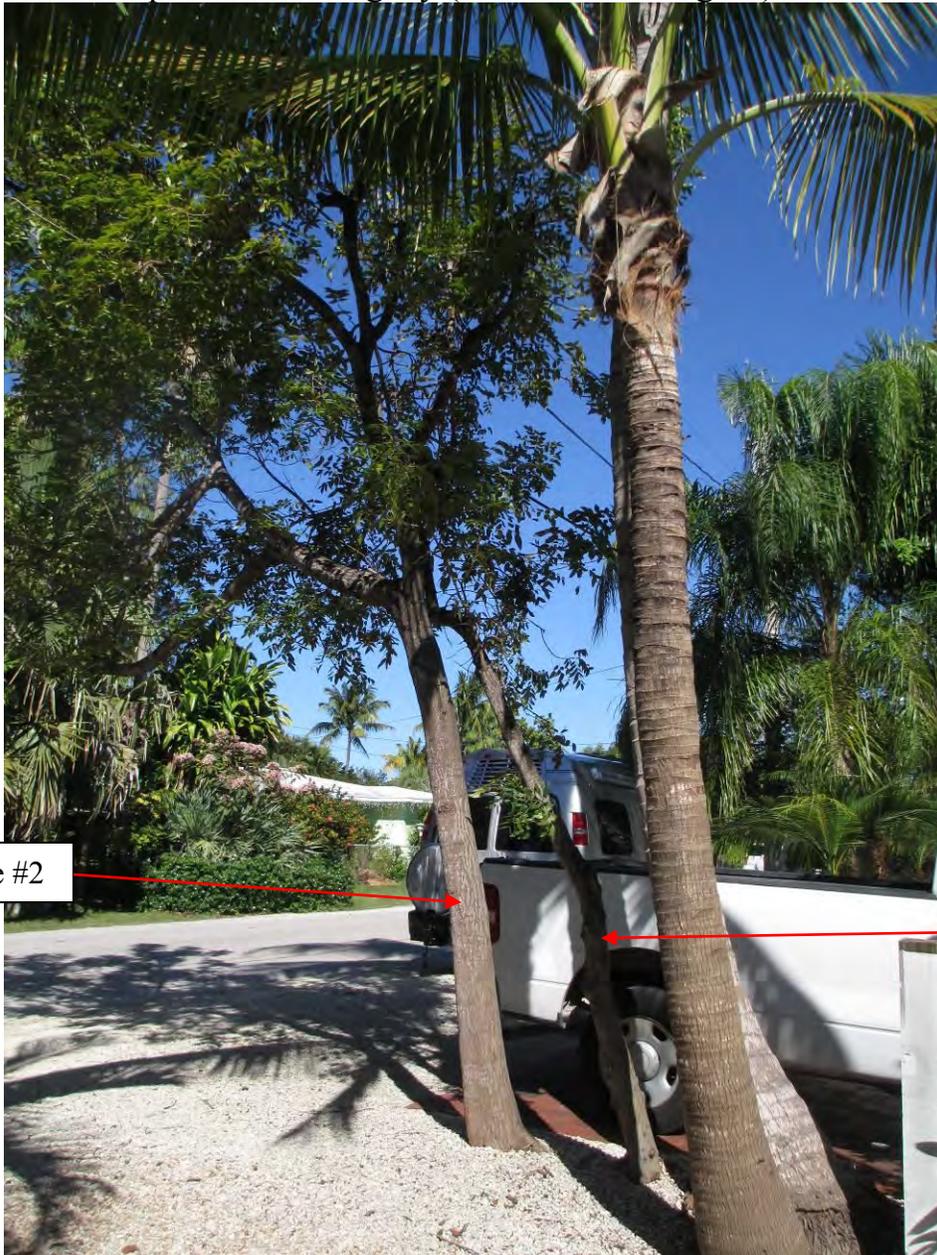


Tree #2

Tree #1



2. Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Tree #2

Tree #1

Diameter: 7"

Location: 60% (under utility lines, street tree, impacted by coconut palm)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair health overall, poor canopy shape due to competition with other mahogany and coconut palm)

Total Average Value = 73%

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



3. Tree Species: Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*)



Diameter: 19.7"

Location: 40% (foundation issues, canopy and roof issues, wrong tree, wrong place)

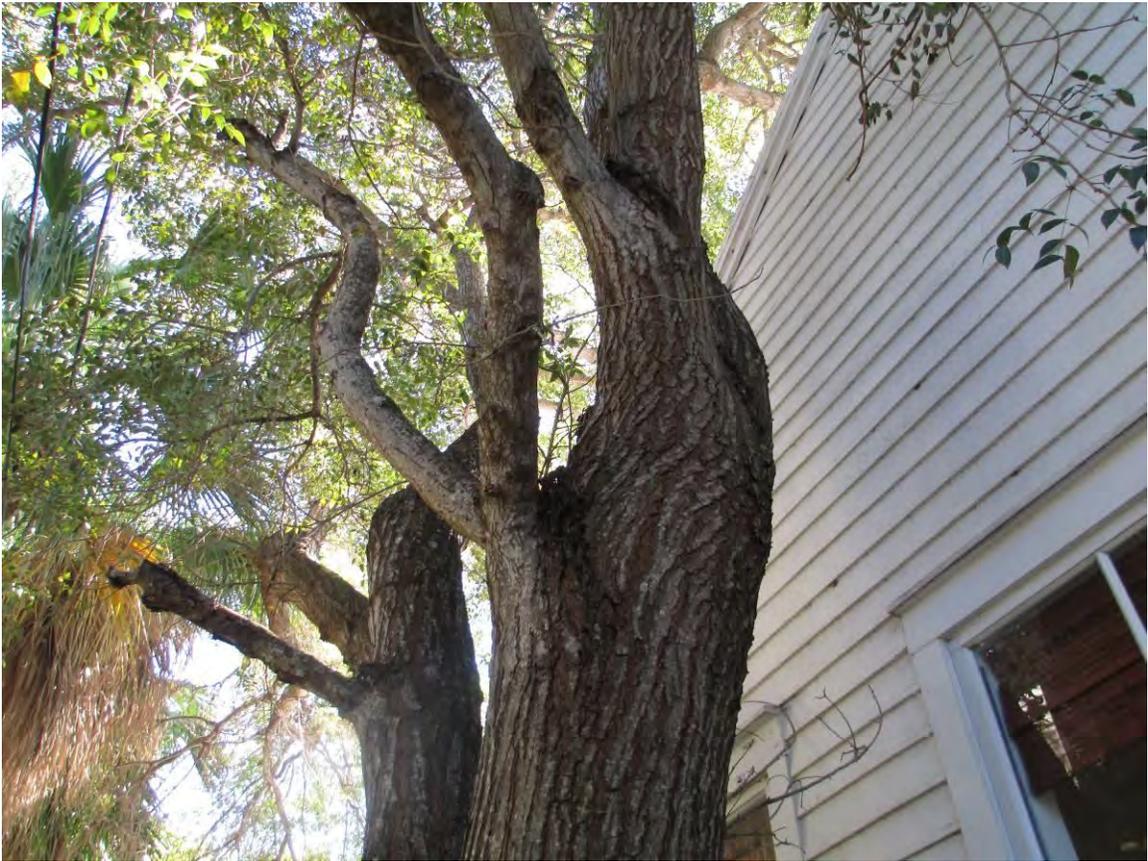
Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair, canopy structure favors one side, trunk and branch growth wild due to lack of proper maintenance during growth, large branch with health/stress issues)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = **12.4 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**











4. Tree Species: Shaving Brush (*Pseudobombax* sp.)



Diameter: 21"

Location: 80% (no utility line or foundation issues observed, only tall tree in immediate area now)

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

Condition: 60 % (fair, canopy one sided due to impacts from canopies of adjacent trees recently removed next door, some old injuries to trunk)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = **13 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**







**Recommendation:**

**Tree #1 Replacements: 3” (remove-wrong tree, wrong place)**

**Tree #2 Replacements: 5” (remove-wrong tree, wrong place)**

**Tree #3 Replacements: 12.4” (remove due to root issues and some condition issues with canopy. Alternative could be to severe maintenance trim canopy to reduce root growth and to improve canopy structural issues.)**

**Tree #4 Replacements: 13” (remove-one sided. The alternative of trimming to see if tree will branch out does not seem practical and it is not known if it will work for this species.)**

**Total: 33.4 replacement caliper inches of FL#1 dicot or fruit trees.**

# Application



6720

City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

1-23-14  
TC  
Feb 20 2014

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

RE#: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Key: \_\_\_\_\_

X Home/Property Owner: Freddy Cobb Date: 1-19-14

X Mailing Address: 210 CORSAIR RD DUCK KEY FL 33050

X Owner Signature: Freddy Cobb Owner Ph#: 804 221 4499

Represented by: Just Keys Trees, Inc Rep. Ph#: 305 735-4656

Represented by mailing address: 5550 5th Ave Unit 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: 1210 Von Phister Cross/Corner Street: White  
Shaving Brush Pseudobornax Ellipticum

Common Name(s): Mahogany X 3 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
- Tree Health
- Safety
- Other / Explain
- TRANSPLANT
- New Location
- Same Property
- Other / Explain
- HEAVY MAINTENANCE
- Branch Removal
- Crown Cleaning/Thinning
- Crown Reduction

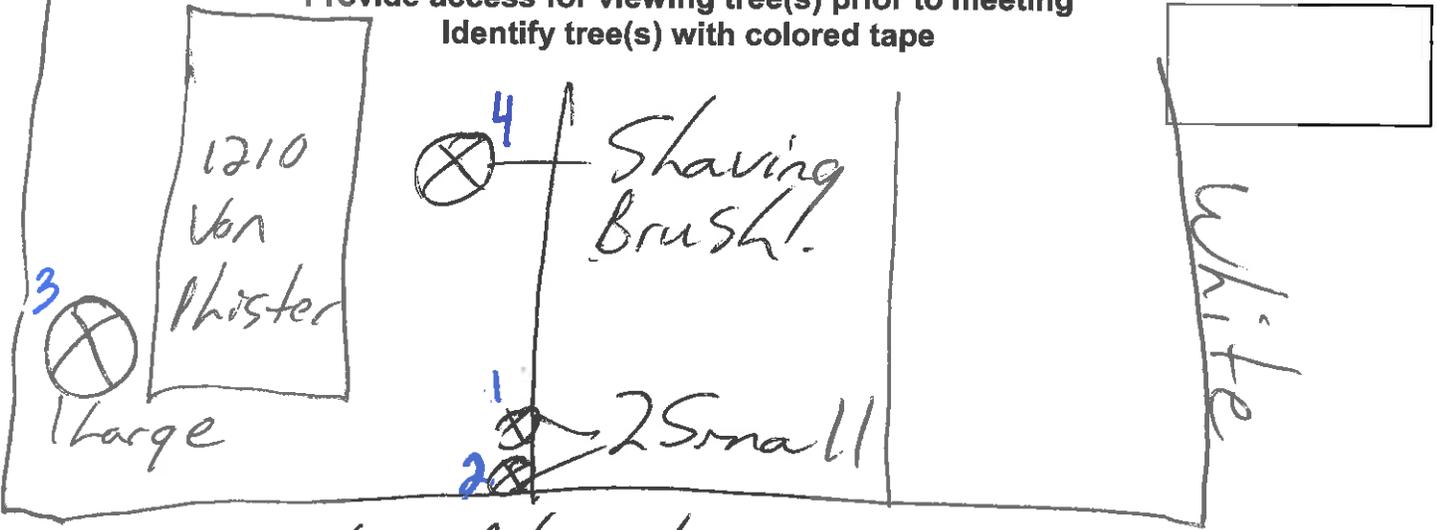
Reason(s) for request:

1 Large Mahogany is very close to the house,  
and on top of the foundation and sewer line.  
The Shaving Brush tree is one sided and over  
the house. 2 Small Mahogany's are under  
the power lines.

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



1-23-14  
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Trees  
1-3  
Magnolias

#4 10' oak  
or a shaving  
brush

Von Phister

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Tree Species #4 K90K 5'6" circ 21" dsh #1 1'2" utility line 4.4" dsh #2 1'10" 7" dsh #3 5'12" 19.7"

Circumference \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ 3.14 = diameter \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ % Species 1-3 = 100 % Condition \_\_\_\_\_ % Total Average Value \_\_\_\_\_ %

Avg. value \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Inches #1-3 removal removed recommend.  
#4 maintenance trim

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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**AUTHORIZATION LETTER**

x Freddy Cobb  
(owner address)  
1210 Van Phister  
Key West, FL

Dear Tree Commissioners:

This letter is authorization and confirmation that I, x Freddy Cobb, have  
(owner name)  
retained Just Keys Trees, Inc to represent me in the matter of obtaining a  
(representative name)  
permit from the City of Key West for my property at 1210 Van Phister  
(tree address)  
You may contact me at 804-221-4499. Thank you.  
(telephone number)

x Freddy Cobb  
Signature

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