

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 23, 2014

RE: 915 and 917 Grinnell Street (permit application #6849)

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Strangler Fig tree**. A site inspection was done on April 17, 2014 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)



Diameter: 49"

NOTE: there has been no change to the tree since the staff report written August 13, 2013 for emergency permit #6506. Tree value remains the same as that report.

Total Average Value = 46 %

Value x Diameter = **22.5" replacement caliper inches**

Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree located at 915 and 917 Grinnell Street, to be replaced with a total of 22.5 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees to be planted on either of the properties.

Application



AGENDA ITEM #
6849

City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

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

Home/Property Owner: SAM FORZLEY Date: 4/12/14

Mailing Address: 1019 SALIM PLACE LEMONT, IL 60439

Owner Signature: [Signature] Owner Ph#: ⁶³⁰ () 268-8518

Represented by: Dot Palm Rep. Ph#: ³⁰⁵ () 743-3090

Represented by mailing address: 5200 OUSEAS Highway MARATHON, FL 33050

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: 915 AND 917 GRINWELL Cross/Corner Street: _____

Common Name(s): STRANGLER 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:

- ① Approx 400lb BRANCH Fell AND DAMAGED PORCH AND PROPERTY
- ② Roots CAUSING FOUNDATION DAMAGE TO 915 GRINWELL
- ③ SAFETY CONCERNS TO BOTH HOMES & PROPERTY

917 GRINWELL

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 305-809-3764.



Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 4/12/14

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. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 915 AND 917 GRINWELL

Property Owner Name SAM FORZLEY

Property Owner eMail Address PARROTSX6@AOL.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address 1019 SALIM PLACE

Property Owner Mailing City LEMONT State FL Zip 60439

Property Owner Phone Number (630) 269-8518

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name DOT PALM, INC

Representative eMail Address DotPalm@comcast.net

Representative Mailing Address 5200 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY

Representative Mailing City MARATHON State FL Zip 33050

Representative Phone Number (305) 743-3090

I SAM FORZLEY, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 15th day April.

By (Print name of Affiant) Samuel Joseph Forzley who is personally known to me or has produced Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC
Sign Name: [Signature]
Print Name: Arthur Rominay
My Commission Expires: 6/14/14

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)





Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Tree Removal 915 & 917 Grinnell

parrotsx6@aol.com <parrotsx6@aol.com>
To: kdemaria@keywestcity.com

Wed, Apr 16, 2014 at 12:55 PM

Dear Ms. DeMaria,

My name is Sam Forzley. We spoke approximately a week ago regarding the removal of the large strangler tree from the property line between 915 & 917 Grinnell, in Key West. I believe that I have attached all of the necessary forms required by the tree commission to consider our request for a permit and hardship.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any other information that you need.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sam Forzley

Home (630) 257-8518
Cell (630) 269-8518

4 attachments

-  **Notarized_Tree_Representation_Authorization.PDF**
1120K
-  **Letter_from_Danny_Franco.pdf**
174K
-  **Forzley_Letter_to_the_Tree_Commission.pdf**
194K
-  **Tree_Permit_Application.pdf**
538K

-----Original Message-----

From: Danny Franco <seasunsky67@msn.com>

To: parrotsx6 <parrotsx6@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Apr 7, 2014 4:32 pm

Subject: Tree

To whom it may concern,

I have done many jobs for Missy Forzley.

At 915 Grinnell. I have had to reduce the bottom of the doors inside the house several times.

It seems as if the floor is gradually being lifted.

I also had to clean under the house for debris on a few occasions.

The roots from the tree on the side of their house are growing.

They have travelled across the entire house to the other side.

I have notice that as they get bulkier they are shifting the cement block pillars that the house sits on.

This explains why the floor keeps rising inside the house.

I believe that as this continue to happen some further serious damage will occur.

True that it is a beautiful tree, unfortunately it was planted in the worst tight area.

The deck walkway that is next to it has already been repaired several times.

Danny Franco

Truman Annex

Maintenance Manager.

cell # 923 3922

My name is Sam Forzley and I live in Lemont, Illinois. I also have a residence at 915 Grinnell Key West Florida. Due to my work I will not be able to attend the tree commission meeting. Dot Palm landscaping will be representing me and my neighbor Allison Mayer.

We have a strangler tree which sits on the property line between 915 and 917 Grinnell. We are asking for a permit to remove this tree. Over the past number of years this tree has caused damage to 917 Grinnell when a large tree branch fell and caused damage to the back porch. It is also causing damage to 915 Grinnell from its root system affecting the foundation.

We have letters and photos to support these issues and also ask the commission for a hardship once the tree is removed and replacement landscaping is done.

Thank You,

Sam Forzley

630.269.8518



Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

917 Grinnell Tree Removal

Cole Mayer <colemayer88@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 23, 2014 at 12:54 PM

To: kdemaria@keywestcity.com

I give my consent to authorize the removal of the tree on my property, 917 Grinnell st.

305.509.2450
cell



CITY OF KEY WEST

TREE PERMIT

EMERGENCY

Permit# 6506 Date Issued 08/12/2013

Address 917 Grinnell Street

This is to certify that Cole Mayer/Alison Mayer

has permission to Remove (1) Ficus tree located in the rear of the property.

Replace with 22.5 caliper inches of native dicot trees of choice, Fl#1, to be planted on site and in the six months from the approval date as described here in. All plants shall be planted according to current "Best Management Practices". Call Landscape office for tree replacement inspection. All replacement trees shall be maintained as trees in perpetuity.

as per application approved 08/09/2013

The person accepting this permit shall conform to the terms of the application on file in the office of the Tree Commission of Key West. All work shall conform to the requirements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Chapter 110-Article VI. Tree Protection.

This Tree Permit is effective for 6 months from the date issued.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This card must be posted in a location clearly visible from the street and in a protected covering.

APPROVED BY


Karen DeMaria, Interim Urban Forestry Manager

City of Key West, Florida
Tree Commission
PO Box 1409
Key West, FL 33040
Phone: (305)809-3768

Emergency



AGENDA ITEM #
6506

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Fax: 305-809-3978

*8-9-13
approved
K. Sullivan
R. Bethel*

Home/Property Owner: Cole Mayer Date: 8/9/13

Mailing Address: 1108 18th St.

Owner Signature: [Signature] Owner Ph#: 305-509-2450

Represented by: Allison Mayer Rep. Ph#: 305-879-1987

Represented by mailing address: BabyTSPEC@aol.com

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.

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Letter of Representation ()

Tree(s) Address: 917 Grinnell St. Cross/Corner Street: _____

Common Name(s): _____ Scientific Name(s): _____

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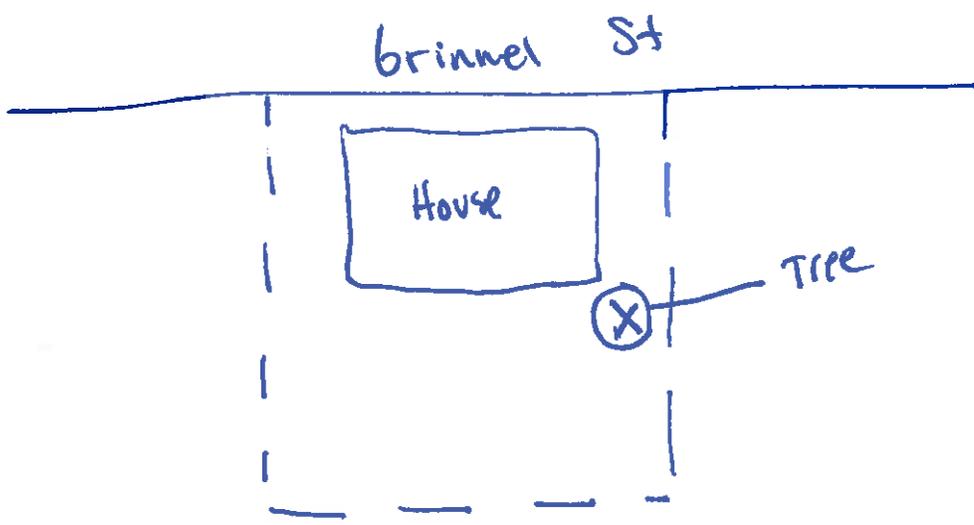
<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>

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

AGENDA ITEM #

Truman Ave

Olive St



Tree Species Strangler Fig

Circumference 156" ÷ 3.14 = diameter 49

Location 20 % Species 100 % Condition 20 % Total Average Value 46 %

Avg. value 46 X 49 Diameter = 22.5
Replacement Inches

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

FOR TREE COMMISSION USE ONLY.

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

COMMENTS:

CHAIRPERSONS SIGNATURE/DATE

City Engineer comments if required:

ENGINEER'S SIGNATURE/DATE



Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

917 Grinnell St-Hazardous Tree

3 messages

Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Fri, Aug 9, 2013 at 4:32 PM

To: LMAC@kwdiamond.com

Cc: colelayer88@gmail.com, babyTspec@aol.com

To Whom It May Concern:

Today I received a phone call from Alison Mayer stating that part of a tree fell down on the house located at 917 Grinnell St. This happened right after a strong thunderstorm went through the area. I went to the house and took the photos that are attached to this e-mail. Several large, heavy branches from a strangler fig tree broke and landed on the back of the house punching a hole in the deck. The branches are leaning against the roof, eave and windows of the back of the house and pose a hazard to the occupants and their guests.

I have evaluated the tree and determine that it qualifies for an emergency tree removal permit (Sec 110-258 of the Key West Code of Ordinances) as it does present an imminent threat to person or property (917 Grinnell St and the neighboring house that is under the canopy of this tree). I am in the process of procuring the proper approvals for the tree removal permit. I did advise Cole Mayer that he should remove the large broken branches that are leaning on and against the house as soon as possible to prevent any potential additional damage to the house. The removal of the tree will be part two of the process and should be done in the next few weeks, the sooner the better.

Sincerely,

Karen DeMaria
Interim Urban Forestry Manager
City of Key West
305-809-3768

3 attachments

August 9 005.jpg
3921K



August 9 007.jpg
3149K



August 9 012.jpg
4534K

Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>
To: Robert Bethel <rbethel360@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 9, 2013 at 4:36 PM

Robert:

The e-mail below was writtin for the insurance company but has information that you can read. Numerous other branches that are still inthe canopy of this tree look like the ones that broke, with rot on the top side. There are a lot of old cuts in the tree canopy. This tree is a potential hazard and I recommend its removal.

Sincerely,

Karen DeMaria
[Quoted text hidden]

4 attachments



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August 9 012.jpg
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August 9 009.jpg
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Robert Bethel <rbethel360@gmail.com>
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Fri, Aug 9, 2013 at 5:22 PM

You have my approval. Have a great weekend and see you at the meeting.

[Quoted text hidden]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

DATE: August 13, 2013

RE: **1917 Grinnell Street (permit application # 6506)**

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

A request was received for the emergency removal of **(1) Strangler Fig tree**. A site inspection was done on August 9, 2013 and documented the following:

Tree Species: **Strangler Fig (Ficus aurea)**









Diameter: 49"

Location: 20% (tree damaged in storm, safety hazard to two houses)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (damaged in storm, three large tree branches broke off, "canoeing" rot observed in broken branches and more evidence of the canoe rot in the tree-hazard.)

Total Average Value = 46 %

Value x Diameter = 22.5 replacement caliper (dbh) inches

NOTES: Homeowner is concerned that additional branches will break and do additional damage to their home, the neighbor and the deck/fence area. There is evidence of additional canoe rot in tree.

Approval received for the issuance of the removal permit from R. Bethel, chairman of the Tree Commission on August 9, 2013.