

# STAFF REPORT

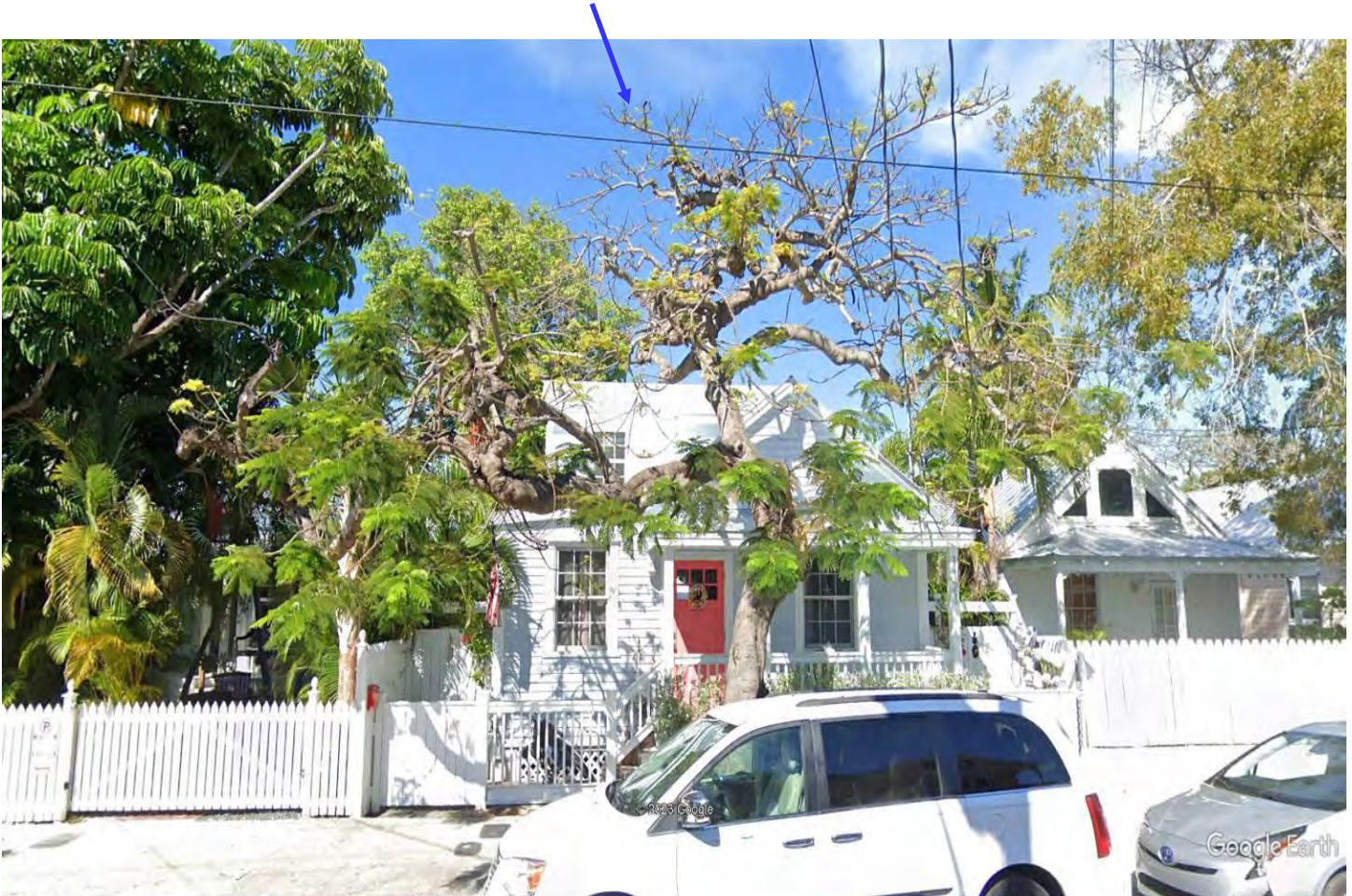
DATE: February 27, 2023

RE: 1121 Whitehead Street ROW (permit application # T2023-0056)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)



Google Earth Street view photo of tree taken April 2019.





Photo of whole tree and location, view 1.



Photo of canopy branches-note large crack in main branch.





Two photos  
of cracks in  
main canopy  
branches.







Close up  
photo of old  
cut wit decay  
and branch  
cracking.



Photo of old  
cut with  
decay (see  
above for  
closeup).





Photo of  
main  
trunk that  
grows  
toward  
structure.



Close up  
photo of  
main  
trunk.  
Note extra  
growth in  
area  
(insect  
mud or  
fungus?)





Photo showing main trunk and canopy section of tree growing over sidewalk toward structure.





Photo of base and main trunk of tree, view 1.





Photo of  
trunk and  
canopy  
branches,  
view 1.



Photo of  
trunk and  
canopy  
branches,  
view 2.





Photo of  
canopy  
branch,  
view 1.



Photo of  
canopy  
branches,  
view 2.





Photo of  
canopy  
branch,  
view 3.



Photo of  
canopy  
branch,  
view 4.





Photo of  
fungi  
growing  
on  
canopy  
branch.

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Photo of  
whole  
tree,  
view 2.

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Diameter: 20"

Location: 80% (Very visible, public tree growing in sidewalk planter)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (overall condition is very poor, decay and cracks in major branches and tree trunk indicate potential structural failure of tree. Fungi growth observed in a canopy branch indicating internal decay)

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = 12 replacement caliper inches

Note: Tree is at a high risk for failure onto private property, public street, and public sidewalk. Pruning is not a reasonable alternative that would alleviate the issue.

Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree to be replaced with 12 caliper inches of approved trees, FL# 1 to be planted on City right of way in the general area.



# Application





T2023-0056

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Address 1121 Whitehead St ROW  
Cross/Corner Street \_\_\_\_\_  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Royal Poinciana

Reason(s) for Application:

- ☒ Remove ☒ Tree Health ☒ Safety ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) Transplant ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below  
( ) Heavy Maintenance Trim ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation

tree is in significant decline and is a high risk for failure (onto sidewalk, parking area + structure). Major cracks + decay in canopy branches, Rot Fungus in major limbs indicating decay, termites in main trunk.

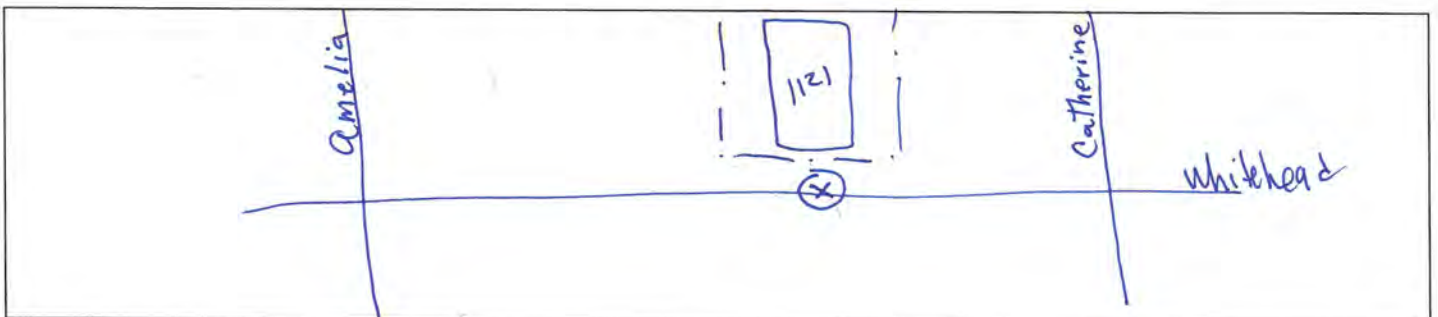
Property Owner Name City of Key West  
Property Owner email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409 KW 33041  
Property Owner Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature [Signature] ACM 2-16-2023

\*Representative Name Karen Sellman - Urban Forestry Manager  
Representative email Address + Jason Lee - Foreman  
Representative Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

As of August 1, 2022, application fees are required. See back of application for fee amounts.

Sketch location of tree (aerial view) including cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property regarding this application with colored tape or ribbon.



1-25-23  
10-26-22



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Karen DeMaria <kwtreelady@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 12:49 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 1121 Whitehead

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From Jason Lee



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termite

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also remove (NPR)





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Rot Fungus  
(indicates major  
decay)





area  
where  
Rot Fungus  
observed.





