TREE COMMISSION TREE REMOVAL REPORT
CITY of KEY WEST

PROPERTY: 413 Truman Ave

APPLICATION NUMBER: T2025-0126

REQUEST: Property owner is seeking removal of (1) Royal Poinciana Tree

APPLICATION SUMMARY: An application was submitted by the owner of 413 Truman ave for the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana Tree. The application states that the tree is full of active termites, and that there are safety concerns.

TREE ASSESSMENT and PHOTOS

Tree canopy view looking at 413 Truman Ave.

Top photo of tree from back yard. Bottom photo shows one of multiple trunk blister. This symptom could be from one of several health issues.

Top photo shows what appears to be an old blister that healed. Bottom photo more bark flaking and or cracking off.

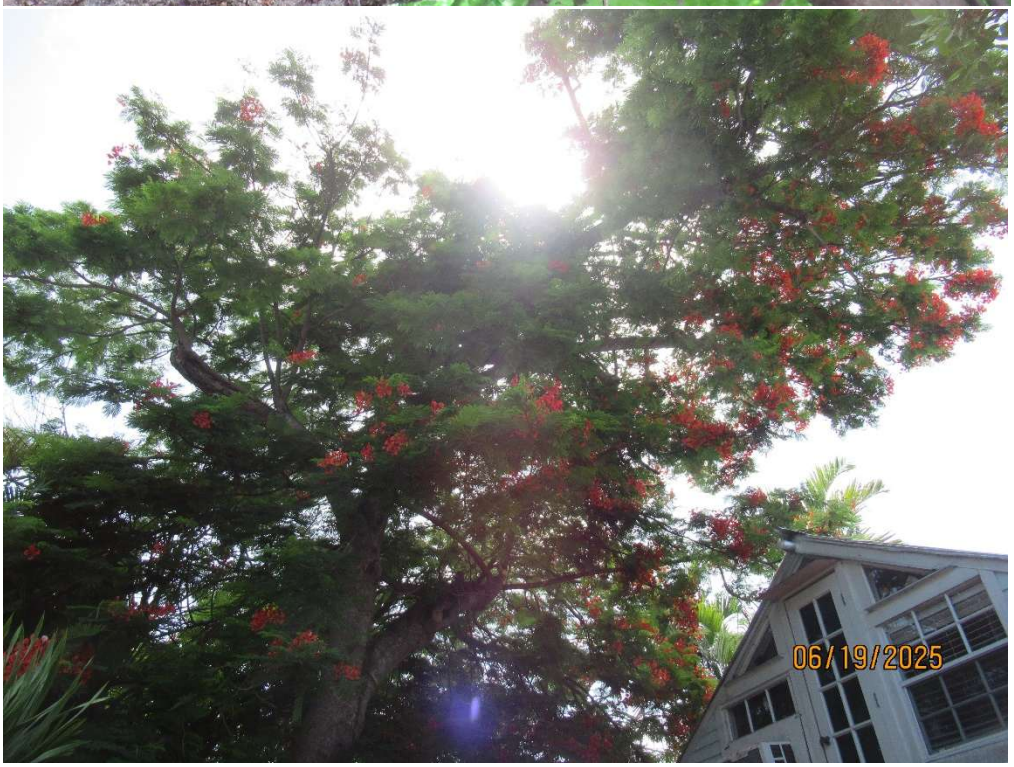
Top photo shows a close up of a wound on the trunk that appears infected and is leaking sap. The infection and discoloration flows down to the base of the trunk.

Tree has multiple large branches snapped off. None appear recent.

Bottom Photo shows a strange growth stem. No bark inclusion, but a small amount of dark matter near the crease. Does not appear to be healthy growth.

Top photo shows an old wound or blister that is healed over. Bottom photo is a hole that was inaccessible but appears to have rotten material inside.

Top photo appears to be an old blister with burl and an adjacent sign of infection. Bottom photo shows wetwood caused by bacteria at the crotch above. Possible a sign of stress.



Top photo shows hole which was inaccessible. Bottom photo shows the tree canopy from back yard viewpoint.

Diameter: 22”
Condition: 40% (the tree is in poor health; multiple symptoms if stress and disease)
Location: 80% (growing in back yard and is not completely visible or appreciated from street side)
Species: 100% (on City of KW protected tree list)
Tree Value: 73%
Required Mitigation: 16 caliper inches

RECOMMENDATION/NOTES: I was unable to locate active termites. The tree’s location was mostly inaccessible and therefore presented a challenge for thorough inspection. However the tree clearly has multiple symptoms of stress and having suffered significant damage.

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