

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 27, 2021

RE: 624 White Street (permit application # T2021-0344)

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

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

Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)



Photo showing location of tree.



Photo showing location of trunk and canopy branch structure in relation to house.



Photo showing location of trunk and base of tree in relation to house.



Photo of base of tree and root system, view 1.



Photo of base of tree and root system, view 2.

Reddish area is tree wood where the bark has been stripped off during inspection.



Photo of base
of tree and root
system, view 3.



Close up of
root wood
area.
Scrapings
indicated hard
wood under
bark area.



Photo of tree trunk and canopy, view 1.

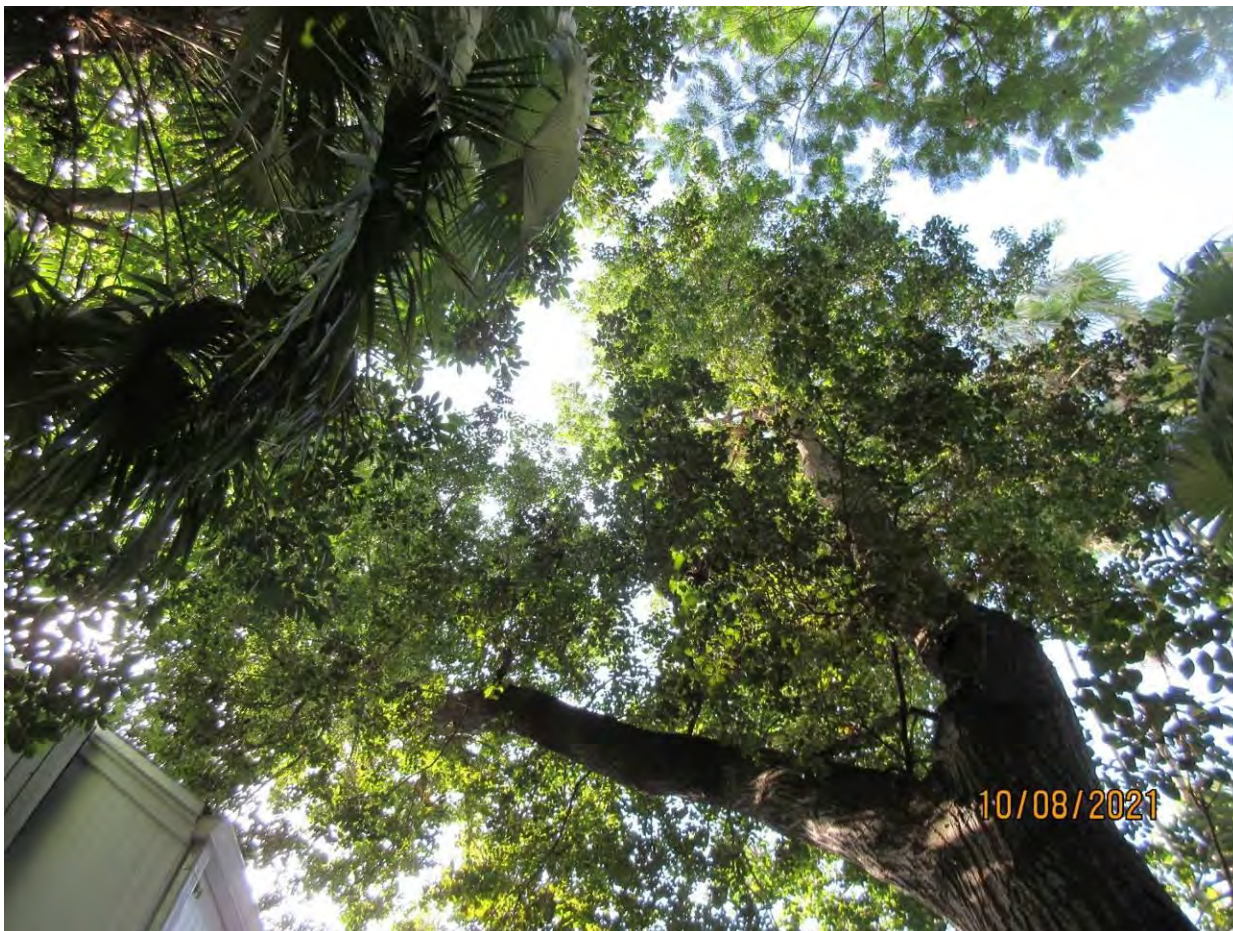


Photo of tree trunk and canopy, view 2.



Photo of tree trunks and canopy, view 3. Standing in rear yard looking toward White Street.



Photo of tree canopy with old Thatch Palms growing through it.



Broken main leader

Photo of tree trunks and canopy, view 4.



Close up of broken main leader area.

Diameter: 20"

Location: 30% (located on side of property, not very visual from street due to presence of other existing trees, growing close to historic structure-roots impacting foundation and cistern)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor, trunk growth lean due to other trees, one sided canopy primarily over structure, top of main leader torn)

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = 12 replacement caliper inches

Application



T2021-0344



Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 10-8-21

Tree Address 624 White St
Cross/Corner Street _____
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 mahogany tree
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Unsure
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 damaging structural foundations. 80% of tree hangs over home, there is no strong center lead. Tree has caused damage to cistern.
Property Owner Name Key West Literary Seminar / Art House
Property Owner email Address atl@kws.org
Property Owner Mailing Address 717 Love Ln, Key West
Property Owner Phone Number 305-395-1899
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Clifton Turner
Representative email Address Shortys11c@gmail.com
Representative Mailing Address 19463 Date Palm dr Sugarloaf Key FL 33042
Representative Phone Number 305 647 9261

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. Tree Representation Authorization form attached ()

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

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

5'3" circ / 20.0" dbh

10-8-21



Tree Representation Authorization

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.

Date 10-8-21
Tree Address 6711 E. Lake St.
Property Owner Name Key West Lanes, LLC
Property Owner Mailing Address 717 Lake Ln, Key West
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip
Property Owner Phone Number 305 365 1877
Property Owner email Address arlene@keywestlanes.com
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Cliffon Turner
Representative Mailing Address 19463 Date palm Dr.
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Superior Key FL 33042
Representative Phone Number 305 647 9261
Representative email Address Shortstop16@gmail.com

I 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 if there are any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day _____
By (Print name of Affiant) _____ who is personally known to me or has produced
as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

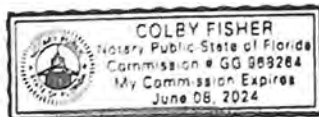
Sign name
Print name

[Signature]
Colby Fisher

My Commission expires: 6/6/24

Notary Public State of Florida

(Seal)





October 6, 2021

Arlo Haskell
Executive Director
Key West Literary Seminar
624 White Street
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Mahogany Tree, north side of property, 624 White Street

Dear Arlo,

I am writing to state that the mahogany tree at the north side of the house at 624 White Street should be removed. The roots from this tree have extended into and damaged the foundations of the historic 19th century concrete cistern porch at the NW corner of the house, and will continue to damage the house if left.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Salay".

David J Salay, Architect
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Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] 624 White

From: Arlo Haskell <arlohaskell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] 624 White

Thank you for taking another look, Karen. I sincerely appreciate it.

Clifton has sent me over the permit paperwork which I expect he will file early next week, and I'll look forward to the tree commission meeting on November 9.

Have a good weekend,

Arlo

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 3:26 PM Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

I went and looked at the root system. I do not think the issue is an emergency as I did not see anything that alarmed me. I did scrape tests and the root is stable with good wood below and other surrounding roots appear to be firmly attached to the substrate. I also spoke to another arborist, described the situation and he agreed.

Sincerely,

Karen

On Oct 7, 2021, at 4:05 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

I would have to look at the root to see how extensive the issue is and also look at the overall root system of the tree. City code states:

Sec. 110-258. Emergencies.

In emergencies presenting imminent threat to person or property, any person may cause the removal of or major maintenance to a tree, provided that the city Urban Forestry Manager recommends approval, and this action is reasonably calculated to dissipate the threat.

City Management has to sign off on any emergency permit requests. I know they look at why couldn't the file be reviewed at the next Tree Commission meeting. At the present time, the next Tree Commission meeting would be November 9 so any additional information that you have that would help with that decision would be appreciated. An application is needed whether this goes as an emergency or regular process. Please attach a narrative as to why you think the tree should be removed via an emergency permit.

Can I just go by and access the property or is the gate locked?

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria

From: Arlo Haskell <arlohaskell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 624 White

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Hi Karen,

Can you send me the name of the in-ground subterranean termite bait that you said is recommended by UF?

Also, after you left, I noticed that one of the main exposed roots of that Mahogany we'd like to remove appears to be rotten. The bark was peeling off and underneath that bark the wood is soft, red, damp, and somewhat spongy, not at all hard like the other visible roots. See photo below for the affected root. Does this kind of rot to a major root do anything for our chances of getting staff approval on this one?

Thank you,

Arlo

