

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2022

RE: 1409 Albury Street (permit application # T2021-0201)

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

On June 23, 2021, an application was received requesting the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree. A site inspection was done and the item was placed on the July 2021 Tree Commission agenda. That report is attached to this file. A review of the application was postponed due to no one being at the meeting to represent the property (a representation form was not included with the original application).

On March 4, 2022, while driving past the property, it was noted that a section of the tree had been removed. On March 14, 2022, an inspection of the property indicated that concrete had also been placed around the base of the tree and roots had been cut. During this inspection, contact was made with the property owner and subsequently, a representation form was submitted. The property owner also requested that the application for removal be reviewed by the Tree Commission. The property owner was also asked the name of the person who installed the pavers (no building permits had been issued for the work.)

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



Updated photo showing location of tree.





Two photos of the tree taken after and prior to canopy trimming. Removal of the large branch required a permit. No permit was issued for heavy maintenance trimming of this tree.



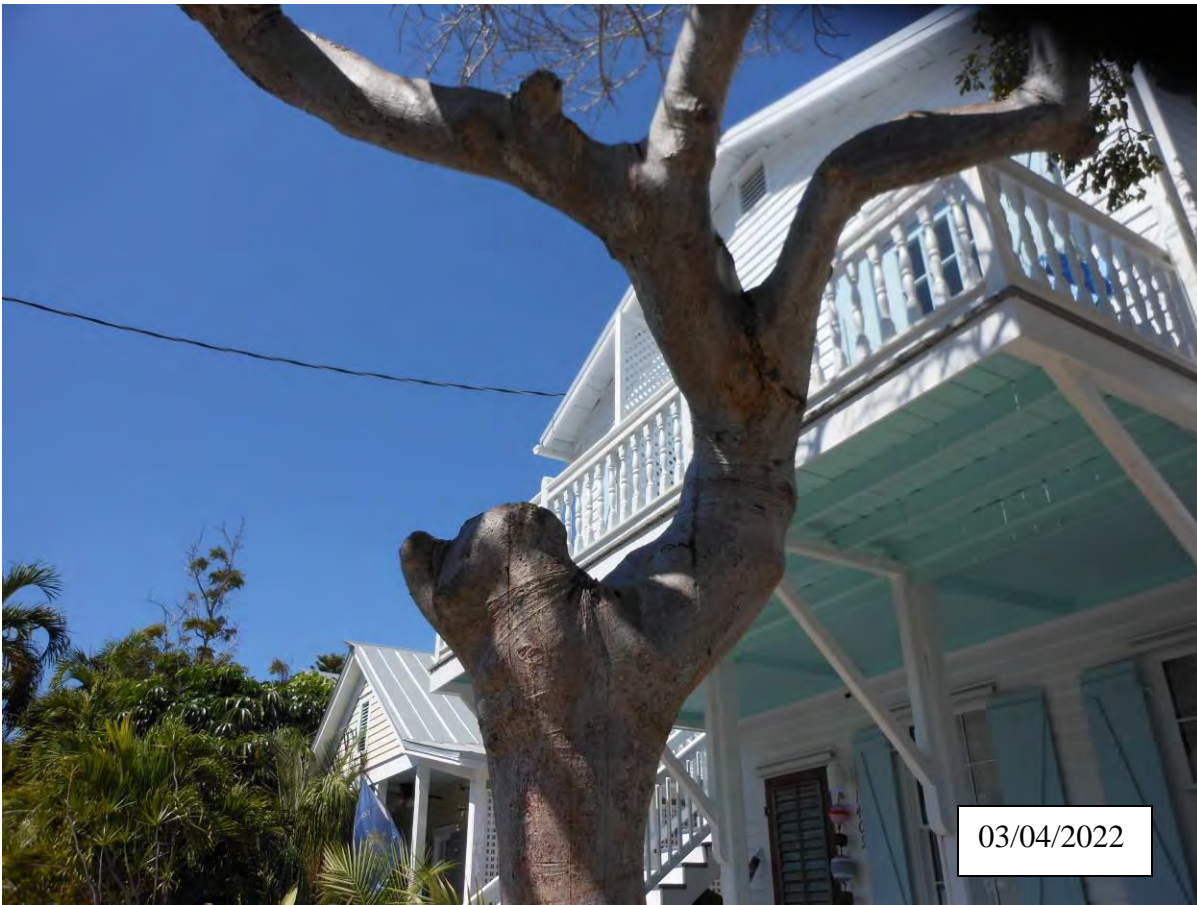




Two photos showing the profile of the tree prior to and after heavy trimming. Cut is also a flat cut which is not a proper arborist cut.







Close up  
photo of tree  
canopy  
showing cut  
branch area.



Photo of  
tree canopy  
branch that  
was  
removed.





Close up photo of damage area on main branch that was removed-weeping sap.



Recent photo of base of tree. Tree roots have been cut to install new pavers and concrete around tree-Tree Abuse.





Two photos showing weeping sap from holes drilled in base of tree for treatment, view 1 and 2.





Two photos showing the same root area before and after paver installation.







Photo showing existing conditions in June 2021 regarding pavers around tree.



Updated photo showing installed pavers and concrete around base of tree.





**THE CITY OF KEY WEST  
TREE COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 1409  
Key West, FL 33041-1409**

July 14, 2021

Drew Soik  
1409 Albury Street Apt 1  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mr. Soik:

Your request to remove (1) Gumbo Limbo tree from your property at 1409 Albury Street was on the July 13, 2021 Tree Commission meeting agenda. Since no one was in attendance to represent the tree or the property at the meeting, the reviewing of the file was postponed until either an authorization form has been submitted to my office signed and notarized to allow someone else to represent you at the hearing, or until you contact my office and agree to be at the meeting and request to have the representative name removed from the application.

It is a requirement that someone must be in attendance at the Tree Commission meeting to represent the tree and property and to answer questions. If a property owner cannot attend, then a representative is allowed to speak but a notarized form must be in the file that allows for that person to speak on behalf of the property owner. I did email you several times regarding the submittal of the form and received no response. I have attached a copy of the representation that is needed, for your use.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. Your application will be held until I hear from you or I receive the required documentation. The next scheduled Tree Commission meeting is August 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen DeMaria", is written over a blue line.

Karen DeMaria  
Urban Forest Manager  
(305) 809-3768

[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)



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Photo showing location of tree, view 1.





Photo showing location of tree, view 2.



Photo of base of tree and trunk, view 1.





Photo of  
tree  
canopy,  
view 1.



Photo of  
tree  
canopy,  
view 2.





Photo of  
tree canopy,  
view 3.



Photo of  
tree canopy,  
view 4.





Close up photo  
of damage area  
on main  
branch-  
weeping sap.



Photo of  
another  
damage area in  
main trunk-  
weeping sap.





Two photos showing weeping sap from holes drilled in base of tree for treatment, view 1 and 2.







Photo showing weeping sap from holes drilled in base of tree for treatment, view 3.

06/25/2021



Photo of base of tree and trunk.

06/25/2021





Photo showing tree canopy in relation to structure.





Photo of tree location, view 3.

Diameter: 15.9"

Location: 80% (very visible street tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (overall condition is poor)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 11.6 replacement caliper inches



# Application





T2021-0201 ✓

## Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 6.22.21

Tree Address 1409 ALBURY ST.  
Cross/Corner Street PEARL ST. - FLORIDA  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Gumbo Limbo  
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 in decline and hasn't had leaves for at least 3 years. Dying wounds are beginning to widen and decay. Large limbs are over sidewalks. Tree is growing in front yard doing most damage.

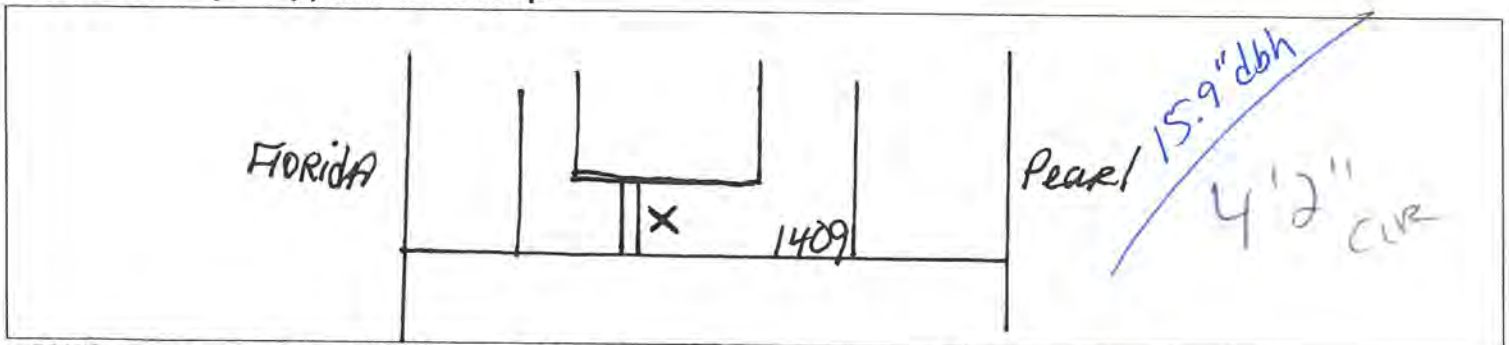
Property Owner Name DREW SIOK  
Property Owner email Address dsioik@comcast.net  
Property Owner Mailing Address 1409 ALBURY ST. Apt. 1  
Property Owner Phone Number 856-278-2406  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name ~~Cynthia Domenech-Coogee / Cynthia's Blue Palms, LLC.~~  
Representative email Address ~~Cynthiasbluepalms@gmail.com~~  
Representative Mailing Address ~~1006-16th TERRACE Key West, FL 33040~~  
Representative Phone Number ~~305/747-2142~~

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

holes have been drilled around base of tree



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





## 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 14th of MARCH 2022  
Tree Address 1409 ALBURY Key West FL 33040  
Property Owner Name DONALD D Siok  
Property Owner Mailing Address "  
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Phone Number (856) 278-2606  
Property Owner email Address DSiok@COMCAST.NET  
Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name FILIP POPP  
Representative Mailing Address 3316 DUCK AVE  
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip KEY WEST, FLORIDA, 33040  
Representative Phone Number 305-923-7327  
Representative email Address FABISGARDENS@GMAIL.COM

I, DONALD D. Siok 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 forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 14th day of MARCH 2022.  
By (Print name of Affiant) Donald Siok who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

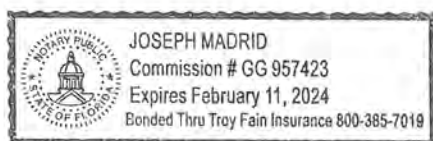
Sign name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires: 2/11/24

Notary Public-State of FL

(Seal)







## Disclaimer

The Monroe County Property Appraiser's office maintains data on property within the County solely for the purpose of fulfilling its responsibility to secure a just valuation for ad valorem tax purposes of all property within the County. The Monroe County Property Appraiser's office cannot guarantee its accuracy for any other purpose. Likewise, data provided regarding one tax year may not be applicable in prior or subsequent years. By requesting such data, you hereby understand and agree that the data is intended for ad valorem tax purposes only and should not be relied on for any other purpose.

By continuing into this site you assert that you have read and agree to the above statement.

## Summary

Parcel ID 00024150-000000  
 Account# 1024953  
 Property ID 1024953  
 Millage Group 10KW  
 Location 1409 ALBURY St, KEY WEST  
 Address  
 Legal  
 Description KW BENJ ALBURYS SUBD DIAGRAM I-389 PT LT 4 AND PT LT 5  
 SQR 3 TR 7 G39-12/13 OR807-77 OR819-1249 OR2107-  
 2014/16 OR2248-432/33 OR2342-2316/17 OR2357-2122/24  
 OR2361-2062/73 OR2369-273/77 OR2454-1643/44 OR2464-  
 155/56 OR2507-1369/70 OR2680-528/29 OR3032-2332  
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)  
 Neighborhood 6284  
 Property Class MULTI FAMILY LESS THAN 10 UNITS (0800)  
 Subdivision  
 Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25  
 Affordable No  
 Housing



## Owner

SIOK IRREVOCABLE FAMILY GST TRUST  
 7/14/2020  
 1409 Albury St  
 Apt 1  
 Key West FL 33040

## Valuation

	2020	2019	2018	2017
+ Market Improvement Value	\$347,606	\$305,512	\$309,835	\$299,311
+ Market Misc Value	\$3,315	\$3,376	\$3,436	\$3,497
+ Market Land Value	\$502,101	\$447,077	\$479,747	\$535,632
= Just Market Value	\$853,022	\$755,965	\$793,018	\$838,440
= Total Assessed Value	\$787,508	\$715,916	\$650,833	\$591,667
- School Exempt Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= School Taxable Value	\$853,022	\$755,965	\$793,018	\$838,440

## Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
MULTI RES DRY (080D)	3,405.00	Square Foot	0	0

## Buildings

Building ID	1868	Exterior Walls	ABOVE AVERAGE WOOD
Style	2 STORY ELEV FOUNDATION	Year Built	1933
Building Type	M.F. - R3 / R3	EffectiveYearBuilt	2011
Gross Sq Ft	2500	Foundation	WD CONC PADS
Finished Sq Ft	2044	Roof Type	GABLE/HIP
Stories	2 Floor	Roof Coverage	METAL
Condition	GOOD	Flooring Type	SFT/HD WD
Perimeter	276	Heating Type	FCD/AIR DUCTED
Functional Obs	0	Bedrooms	3
Economic Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	3
Depreciation %	8	Half Bathrooms	0
Interior Walls	WALL BD/WD WAL	Grade	550
		Number of Fire Pl	0
Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area
		Perimeter	



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** cynthia domenech-coogle <cynthiasbluepalms@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 1409 Albury

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Actually I do. 😊 that's the method for trunk injection of insecticide/fungicide/fertilizer trying to save the tree. I would NOT do that...but have had words with the company whom performed that miracle.

Cynthia

Cynthia's Blue Palms, LLC  
ISA Certified Arborist FL #0277  
305/747-2142

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 25, 2021, at 2:58 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Any idea why there are nice circular holes around the base of the gumbo limbo tree?

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*

Karen DeMaria  
Urban Forestry Manager  
Certified Arborist FL-6585A  
City of Key West  
305-809-3768

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# Untitled Map

Write a description for your map.

## Legend

 1409 Albury St



Photo dated June 2015



6.85 ft

Google Earth

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