

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 26, 2015

**RE: 618 Free School Alley (permit application #7293)**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree and (3) Unidentified, non-native fruiting trees**. A site inspection was done on February 23, 2015 and documented the following:

1. Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursea simarouba*)







Known decay  
area











Diameter: 30.5'' ''

Location: 80%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30%

Total Average Value = 70%

Value x Diameter = **21.4 replacement caliper inches**

2. Tree Species: Unidentified, Non-Native Fruiting Tree





Diameter: 13 ''

Location: 80%

Species: 50% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50%

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = **7.8 replacement caliper inches**

3. Tree Species: Unidentified, Non-Native Fruiting Tree



Diameter: 4.4 ”

Location: 80%

Species: 50% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50%

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = **2.6 replacement caliper inches**

4. Tree Species: Unidentified, Non-Native Fruiting Tree



Diameter: 10.8 ”

Location: 80%

Species: 50% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50%

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = **6.4 replacement caliper inches**

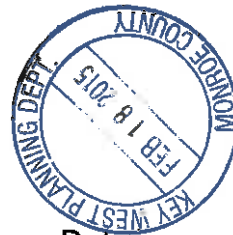
Close up photos of the leaves of trees 2, 3, and 4.



Regarding removal of the Gumbo Limbo tree-the alternative of heavy maintenance trimming to remove the portion of the trunk that is decayed, would create a lopsided tree with the weight toward the direction of the patio and house. The tree already is having some weight issues as indicated by the larger surface roots on the one side of the tree (opposite of the house) near the solution hole.

**Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree and (3) Unidentified, Non-Native Fruiting trees located at 618 Free School Alley, to be replaced with 38.2 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees.**

# Application



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# Tree Permit Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 818 Free School Lane  
 Cross/Corner Street Simonton St  
 List Tree Name(s) and Quantity (12) Gumbo Limbo, (X) Fruiting Tree?  
 Species Type(s) check all that apply ☐ Palm ☐ Flowering ☐ Fruit ☐ Shade ☐ Unsure KV 2/23/15  
 Reason(s) for Application:

- ☒ REMOVE ☒ Tree Health ☒ Safety ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ TRANSPLANT ☐ New Location ☐ Same Property ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ HEAVY MAINTENANCE ☐ Branch Removal ☐ Crown Cleaning/Thinning ☐ Crown Reduction

Other/Explain The Gumbo Limbo's main leader is hollow, this was created by an old cut that never healed.  
 Reason for Request The fruiting trees are falling down, long and

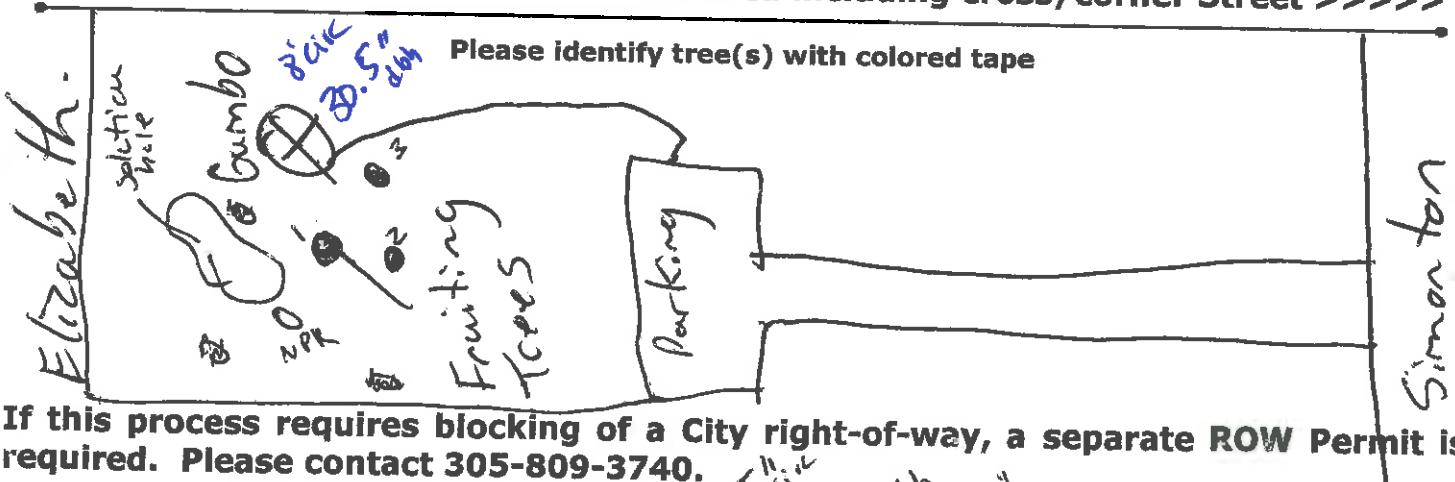
Property Owner Name Kate Miano  
 Property Owner eMail Address keysk8e@aol.com  
 Property Owner Mailing Address 526 Angela  
 Property Owner Mailing City Key West, FL State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-4617  
 Property Owner Signature Kate M

Representative Name Rob Corder Just Keys Trees  
 Representative eMail Address Just Keys Trees  
 Representative Mailing Address 5550 5th Ave Suite 6  
 Representative Mailing City KW State FL Zip 33040  
 Representative Phone Number (305) 935-4656

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 >>>>>



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



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## Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 2-17-15

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 618 Free School Lane

Property Owner Name Miano Group Investments LTD  
Property Owner eMail Address Keysk8e@aol.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 526 Angela St  
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 1923-4617  
Property Owner Signature Kate Miano

Representative Name Rob Crider, Just Keys Trees  
Representative eMail Address JustKeysTrees, Inc.  
Representative Mailing Address 5550 5th Ave. Suite 6  
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040  
Representative Phone Number (305) 735-4656

I Kate Miano, DBA Miano Group Investments LTD 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 is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature Kate MianoThe forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 17<sup>th</sup> day FEBRUARY 2015By (Print name of Affiant) KATE MIANO who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.**NOTARY PUBLIC**Sign Name: J. MarquardtPrint Name: Jim MarquardtMy Commission Expires: SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)



J. MARQUARDT  
MY COMMISSION # FF 120540  
EXPIRES: September 7, 2018  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services