

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 27, 2015

RE: 503 Greene Street R.O.W. (permit application #7341)

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

An application was received for the removal **of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree.** A site inspection was done on 2015 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



(to see additional photos, look at application)

Diameter: **9.2"**

Location: 80% (street planter)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (insects have invaded base of tree)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = **6 replacement caliper inches**

Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree located in the right of way in front of 530 Greene Street, to be replaced with 6 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees on City property.

Application



7341

Tree Permit Application

Date: 3.24.15

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

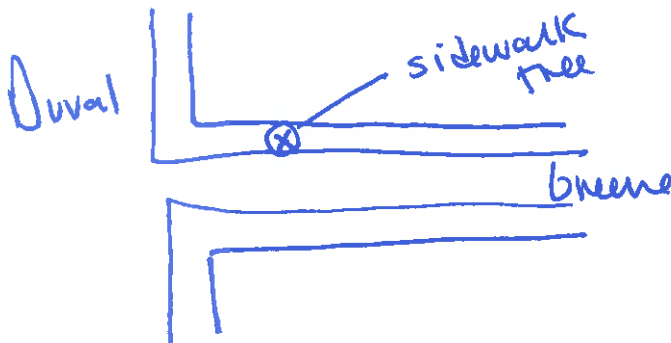
Tree Address	503 Greene St ROW
Cross/Corner Street	Duval St
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity	1 Gumbo Limbo
Species Type(s) check all that apply	() Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Health () Safety () Other/Explain below
() TRANSPLANT	() New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below
() HEAVY MAINTENANCE	() Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction
Additional Information and Explanation	insect have invaded base of tree - tree in poor health - potential safety issue (tree health pointed out to Tarzan Tree Care from Green Bar owner)
Property Owner Name	City of Key West
Property Owner eMail Address	
Property Owner Mailing Address	PO Box 1409
Property Owner Mailing City	Key West
Property Owner Phone Number	() - -
Property Owner Signature	JK Schell
Representative Name	Karen Dulanica
Representative eMail Address	
Representative Mailing Address	
Representative Mailing City	
Representative Phone Number	() - 3768

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



Owner of 503 Greene St commented to Tarzan Tree Care that city tree had termites and was in poor health.

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

Karen DeMaria

From: William Collins
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 7:37 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Cc: Marcus A. Davila
Subject: Re: Gumbo Limbo at 503 Greene Street

This gumbo has termites at base of trunk and is all but dead the flexi-pave show s signs of grease or cleansers having been dumped

Thank you

On Mar 16, 2015, at 2:22 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Bill:

I have received a complaint regarding a City gumbo limbo tree in front of 503 Greene Street. Can you go by and look at the tree and give me your opinion on what the condition of the tree is. I will also go look. The complaint stated that there were termites.

I think there was some digging work done in this tree area (for water or sewer lines into the business) a few months ago. What is your opinion? I am aware that the property owner wants to remove the tree and have something "more desirable" in that planter.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager/Tree Commission
Certified Arborist
305-809-3768

circumference : 2'5"

9.2" dbh







somebody
has been
pouring stuff
on Flexipave



↑ insect damage





Termite photos
submitted by
Tarzan Tree
Care of
property/business



(photos not
verified)