

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 29, 2015

RE: 1430 Tropical St/Von Phister ROW (permit application #7398)

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

An application was received for the removal **of (1) Strangler Fig tree**. A site inspection was done on April 27, 2015 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)







Diameter: 114"

Location: 30% (utility lines, canopy over private property-pool and deck)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (major decay in large limbs)

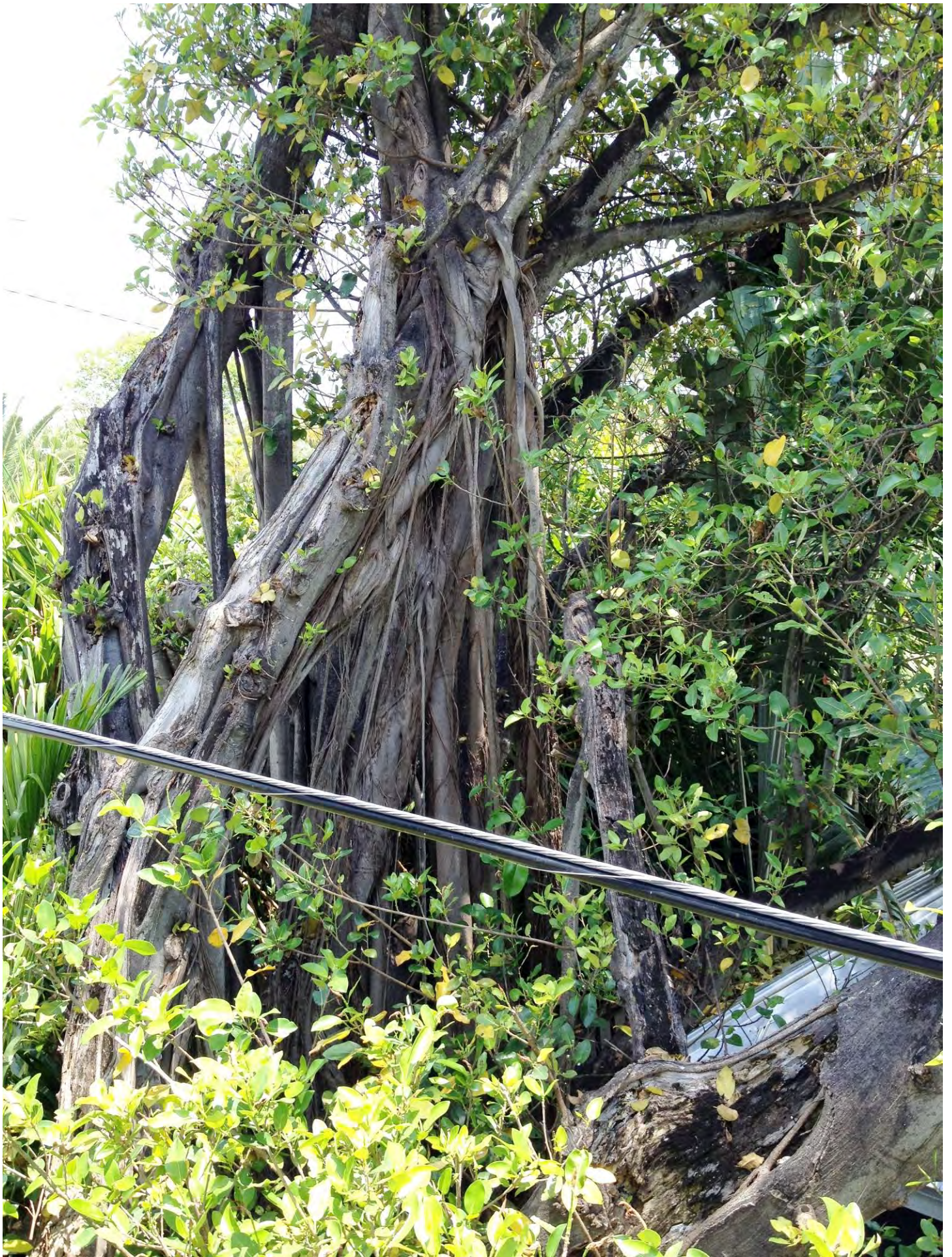
Total Average Value = 50%

Value x Diameter = 57 replacement caliper inches

Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Strangler Fig tree located at 1430 Tropical St /Von Phister ROW, to be replaced with 57 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees on City property.









Karen DeMaria

From: cynthia domenech-coogle <cynthiasbluepalms@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Karen DeMaria; Paul Hayes; John Snell; Nicholas Downs
Subject: 1430 Tropical City Ficus tree photos on Von Phister
Attachments: IMG_5577.JPG; IMG_5590.JPG; IMG_5594.JPG; IMG_5599.JPG; IMG_5600.JPG

Hi Karen,

Thank you for meeting me at 1430 Tropical yesterday to view the city's ficus tree growing at the southwest corner of Von Phister Street. My initial concern is now greatly enhanced as a result of aerial photos taken yesterday.

There will be many photos depicting damage and decay as a result of sun scald over a period of many years but most likely recently occurring since the 2 years of multiple storms and hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 and the repeated foliage removal from utility line clearance. The tree is **very** top heavy due to repeated utility line clearance and topping. The areas of sever sun scald are decayed to the point of imminent breakage.

Following are photos in order of ficus tree damage. Main branches are in order from 1 through 4. Limbs 1,2, and 3 are on the south side of utility lines and over target structures and pool where persons congregate with limb 4 over street where pedestrians and vehicles pass. 1 is easternmost limb, 2 is center limb, 3 is westernmost limb and 4 is northern limb over street. It is my opinion that this tree remains barely intact solely from the aerial roots in contact with the ground. **Therefore, it is my professional opinion that this herein described tree should be immediately removed.**

There will be several emails of photos to include an over-all look of tree and each limb depicting damage. These attached photos are general over-all photos depicting tree and close proximity to utility lines. Thank you for your immediate attention into this matter.

Cynthia Domenech-Coogle, ISA Certified Arborist #FL 0277
Cynthia's Blue Palms, LLC
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Key West, FL 33040
[305/747-2142](tel:3057472142)





Limbs 1 and 2 (toward Tropical)











Limb 3 (over private property and structures)













Limb 4 (over Von Phister)













Application



7398

Tree Permit Application*Emergency - add to agenda*Date: 4.27.15

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

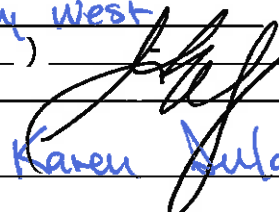
Tree Address 1430 Tropical St / Van Phister Row
 Cross/Corner Street _____
 List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Strangler Fig
 Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Unsure
 Reason(s) for Application:

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

Other/Explain

tree has been severely trimmed into a V shape by utility crews - long heavy canopy trunks are full of decay, 3 of these trunks are growing over private property with a pool and deck - safety concern.
City of Key West

Reason for Request

Property Owner Name _____
 Property Owner eMail Address _____
 Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409
 Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33041
 Property Owner Phone Number (____) _____
 Property Owner Signature 

Representative Name Karen Sulania
 Representative eMail Address _____
 Representative Mailing Address _____
 Representative Mailing City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Representative Phone Number (305) 809 - 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



Cynthia Jannet - Coyle
+ Nick Sams have both
inspected tree and documented
decay in canopy. They will
provide info for file.

(10)

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

