

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 27, 2017

RE: **923 Johnson Street (permit application # T17-8378)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Strangler Fig tree**. A site inspection was done on March 9, 2017 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)













03/24/2017

Diameter: 126"

Location: 80% (front yard, prominent canopy tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (Fair-large old tree, three primary trunks with fourth trunk having been removed in the past, there appears to be a bee hive in the tree, some decay but no obvious canoeing of branches. The primary structure of the tree appears to be good.)

Total Average Value = 83%

Value x Diameter = 104.5 replacement caliper inches

Numerous trees in the City have bee hives and internal cavities and decay. Is there a structural deficit? A permit to remove this tree was denied in February 2016 (excerpt from that staff report is below). Since that time the tree has been cleaned up and trimmed. Construction for a new house on the property has been laid out.

Recommendation: Recommend denial of the removal of the Strangler Fig tree, Sec 110-328 (1) and (2), because of the species size and location.

STAFF REPORT (EXCERPT FROM ORIGINAL REPORT)

DATE: January 26, 2016

RE: **923 Johnson Street Street (permit application # T16-7760)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(3) Gumbo Limbos, (2) Royal Poincianas, (3) Strangler Figs, (1) Mahogany, and (1) Avocado tree**. A site inspection was done on January 21, 2016 and documented the following:



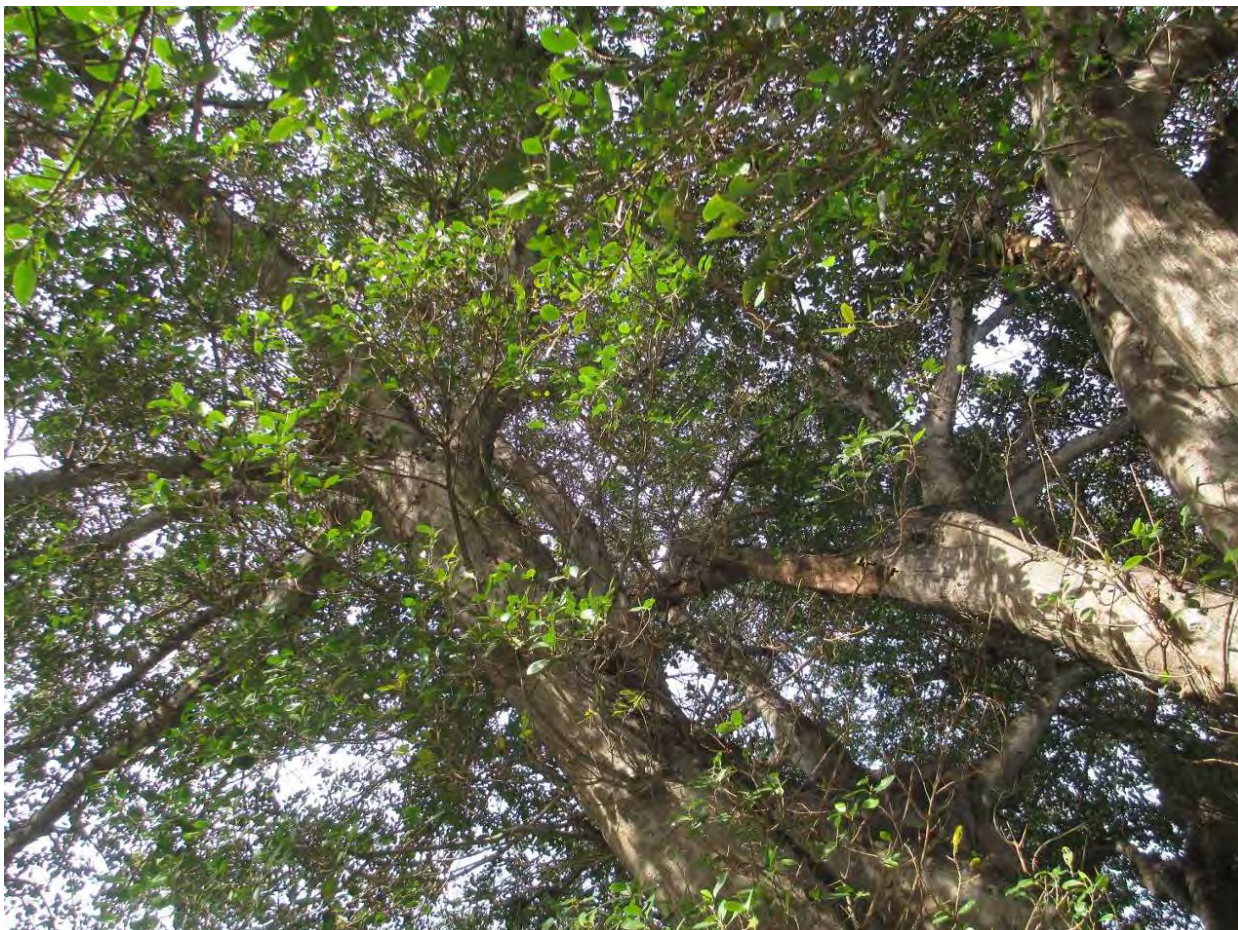
Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)

Tree #6 Strangler Fig









Diameter: 126.4"

Location: 80% (front yard-prominent canopy tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 80% (good, three primary trunks-a fourth trunk had been previously removed-area looks clean, very little decay observed in branches in tree.)

Total Average Value = 86%

Value x Diameter = 108.7 replacement caliper inches

The Tree Commission heard application T16-7760 on February 9, 2016. Approval was given to remove (2) Gumbo Limbo, (2) Royal Poinciana, (2) Strangler Fig, and (1) Mahogany tree. A permit was also given to transplant (1) Avocado tree. Removal of a Gumbo Limbo tree on the property line was removed from the application.

The removal of this strangler Fig tree was denied by the Tree Commission.

Application



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Tree Permit ApplicationDate: 03/22/17

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 923 JOHNSON ST
Cross/Corner Street _____
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity _____
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
Additional Information and Explanation _____

Property Owner Name LINDA ASELIN
Property Owner eMail Address linda.aseelin@gmail.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 1500 WHITE ST
Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST **State** FL **Zip** 33040
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 496-1398
Property Owner Signature Linda Aselin

Representative Name LARRY BUSOFF / LEAVING LIZARD
Representative eMail Address " @ YANCOO.COM
Representative Mailing Address 410 AUC
Representative Mailing City KW **State** FL **Zip** _____
Representative Phone Number () 304 - 1581

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.



Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 03/22/17

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 923 JOHNSON ST

Property Owner Name LINDA ASELIN

Property Owner eMail Address linda.aseelin@gmail.com

Property Owner Mailing Address 1500 WHITE ST

Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040

Property Owner Phone Number (305) 296-1395

Property Owner Signature Linda Aselin

Representative Name LARRIE BUSLOFF LEADING LIZARD

Representative eMail Address " @ YIMCO.COM

Representative Mailing Address 410 AVE C

Representative Mailing City KW State FL Zip 33040

Representative Phone Number (305) 304-1581

I LINDA ASELIN, 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 is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature

Linda Aselin

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 21st day March.

By (Print name of Affiant) LINDA ASELIN who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: John Strong

Print Name: JOHN STRONG

My Commission Expires: 1/29/21

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

