

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 31, 2017

RE: **724 Fleming Street (permit application # T17-8458)**

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

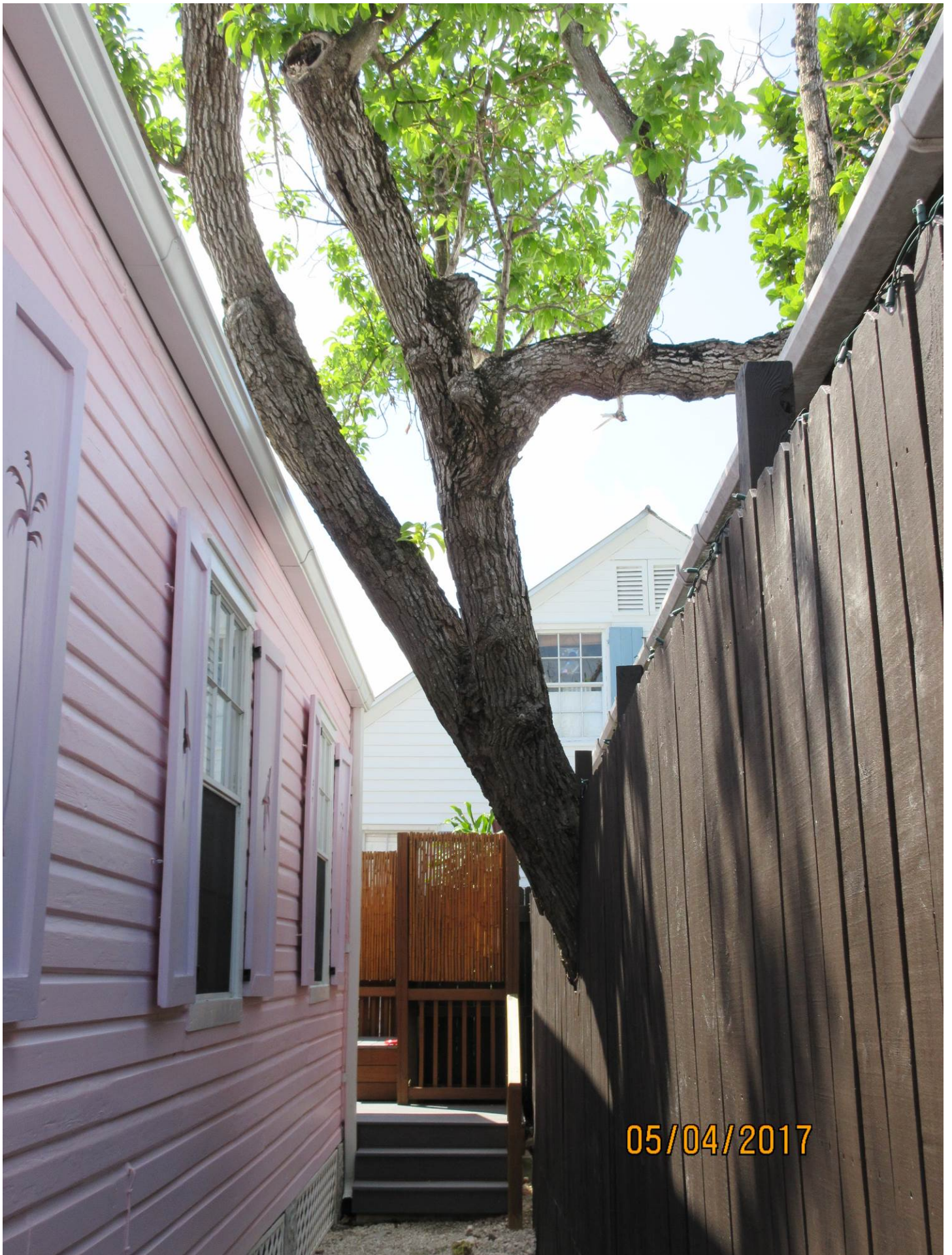
An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Avocado tree**. A site inspection was done on May 4, 2017 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Avocado (*Persea americana*)





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Diameter: 15.2"

Location: 40% (trunks hit against neighboring house during wind events)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 30% (very poor, lots of decay throughout tree, half of canopy is dead)

Total Average Value = 56%

Value x Diameter = 8.5" replacement caliper inches

Recommendation: Recommend approval of the removal of one (1) Avocado tree at 724 Fleming Street to be replaced with 8.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.

Application

April 20, 2017

Jennifer Stephens
726 Fleming Street
Key West, FL 33040

The City of Key West Tree Commission
Attn: Karen DeMaria
1300 White Street
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Karen,

I am writing on behalf of my neighbor and the avocado tree situation we share, located at 724 Fleming Street. The avocado tree base is on my neighbor's property however, it has grown at an angle (closely) over my roof located at 726 Fleming Street. This tree is diseased and has been rotting for several years now. Not only is it decaying and started to fail, it is dangerously close (INCHES) to the roof on my property. It also has large limbs that are over my neighbors house (where base of tree is located). My neighbor, Richard Fessler, and I have agreed that this tree is a detriment to our homes, especially with the strong winds we are currently having here in Key West, not to mention hurricane winds....with this tree now being diseased. We both met with Karen DeMaria on 4/20/17 to discuss this issue. Thank you for your time with this situation.

Jennifer Stephens
306 Peacock Ln
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Sincerely,


Jennifer Stephens