

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 29, 2017

RE: **725 White Street (permit application # T17-8729)**

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

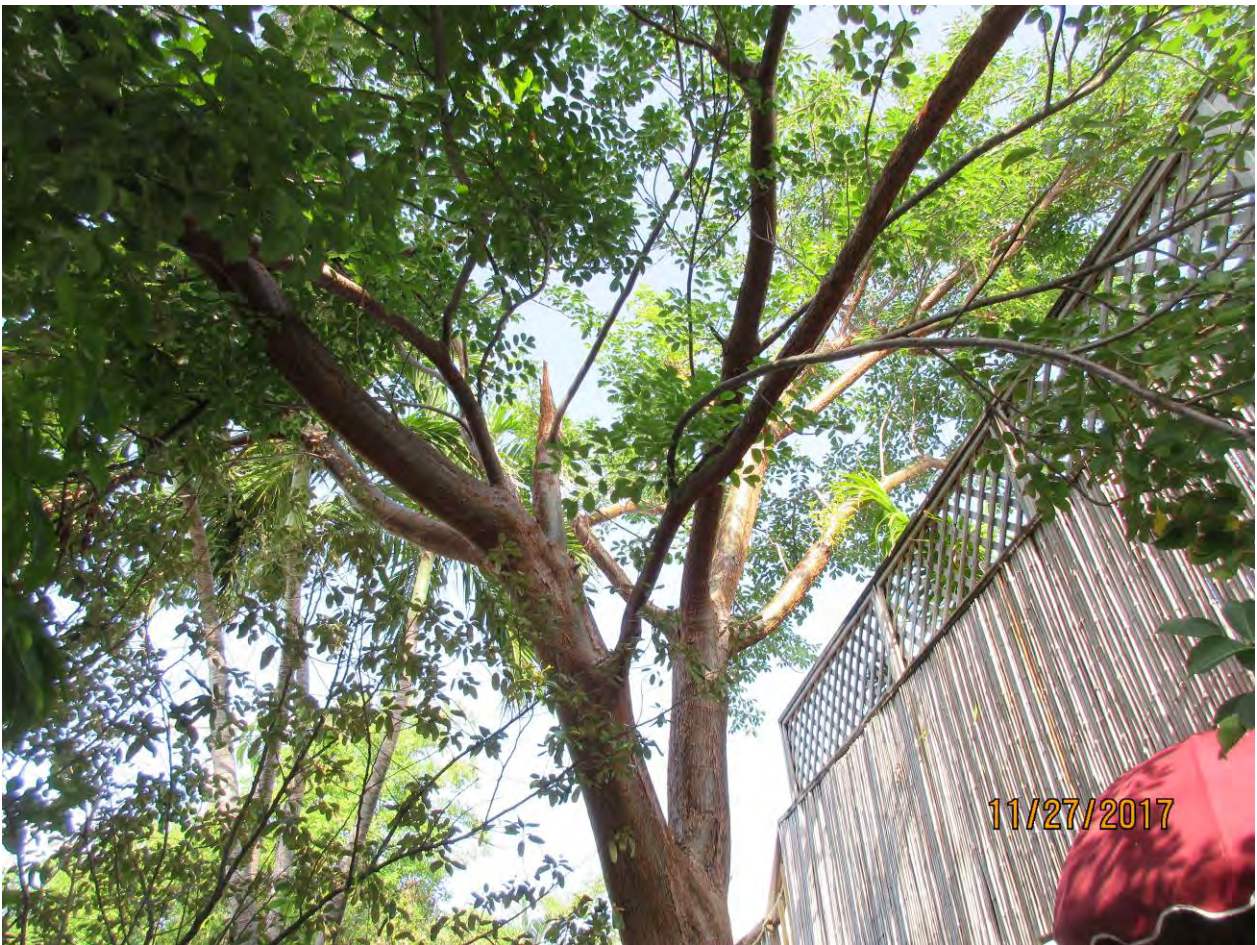
An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree**. A site inspection was done on November 27, 2017 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



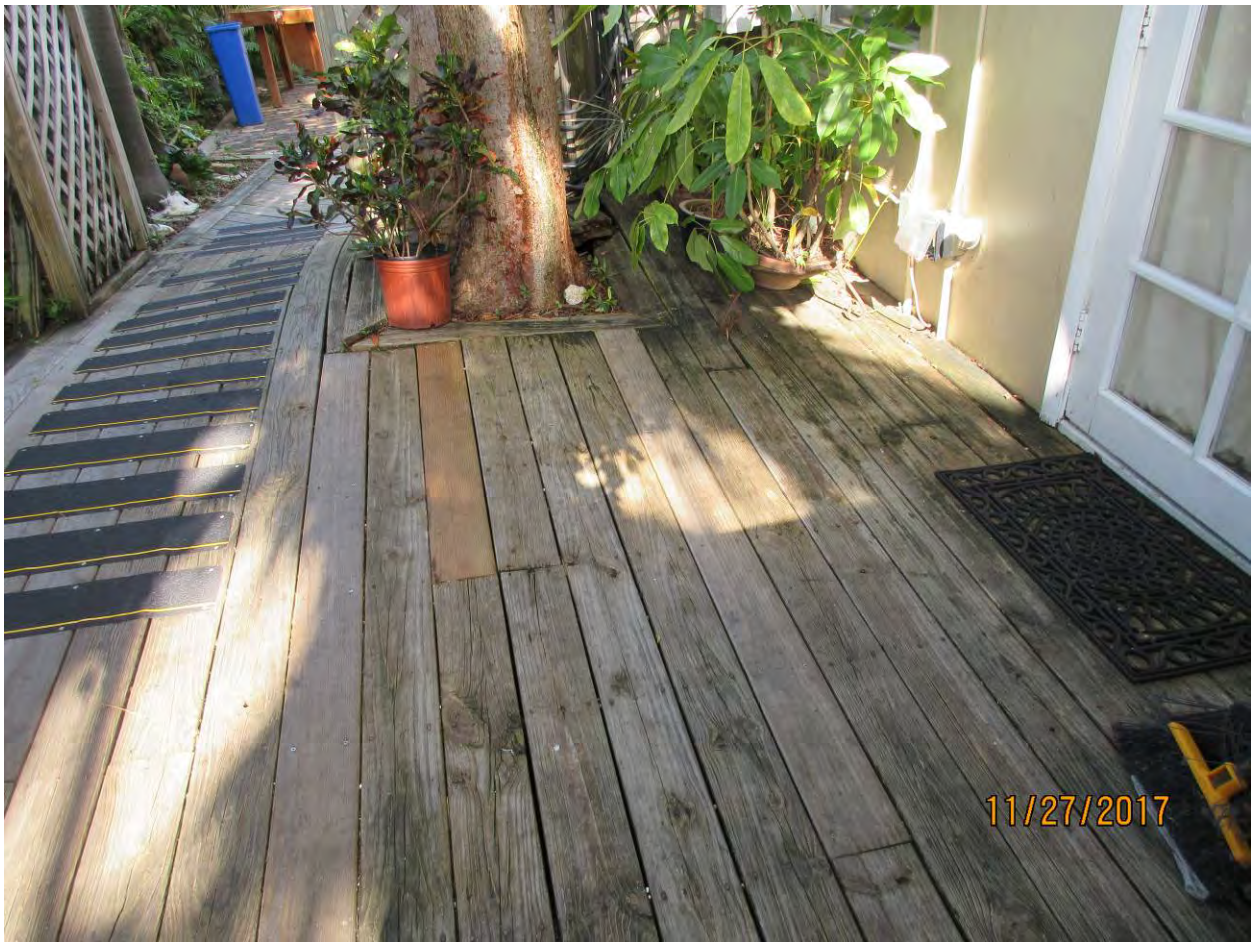


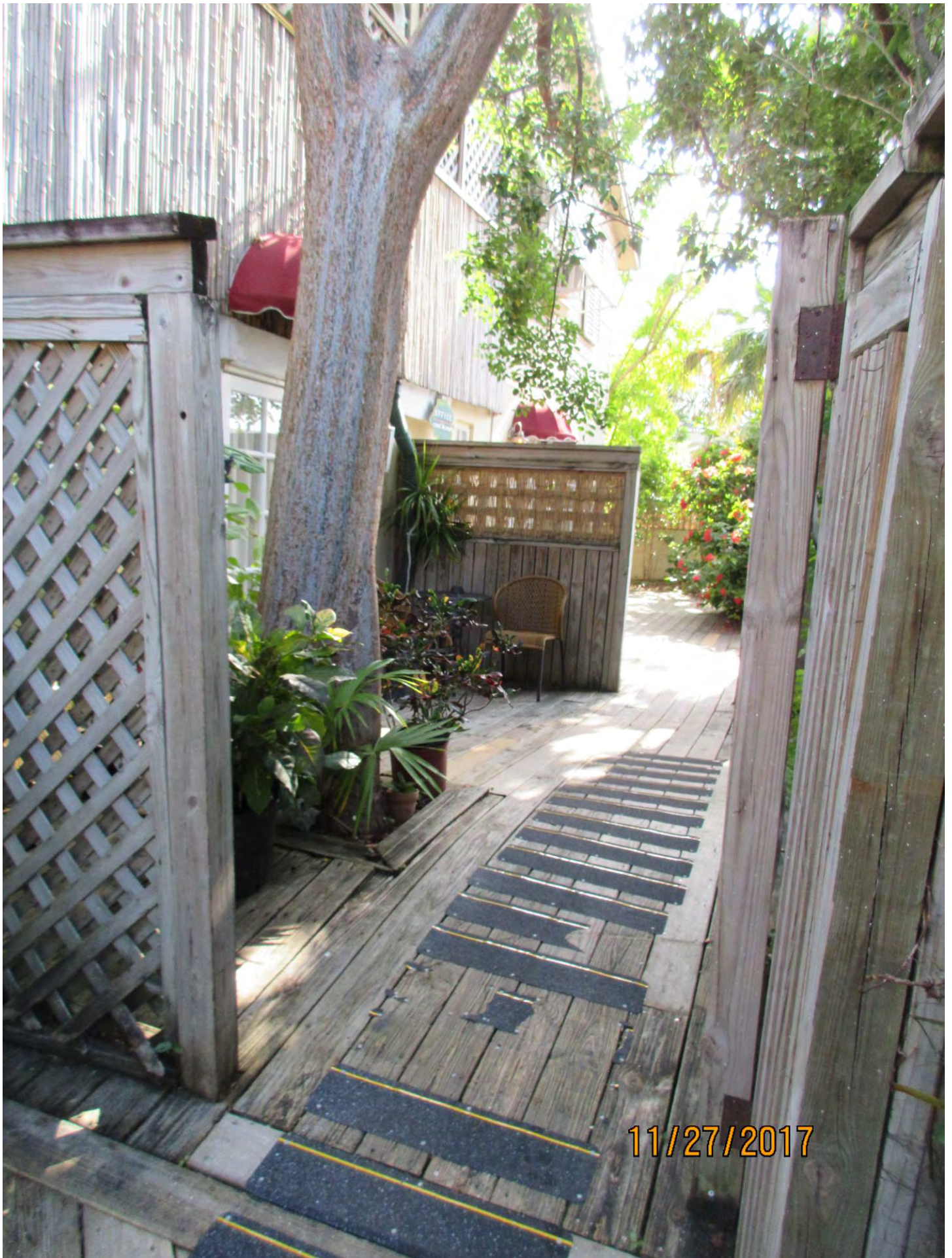
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Diameter: 15.9"

Location: 60% (close to structure and walkway-obvious root issues with walkway-slopes)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (overall, tree is in good condition, some storm damage in canopy)

Total Average Value = 76%

Value x Diameter = 12 replacement caliper inches

There is an obvious slope to the walkway and you can visually see that rain would go downslope toward the door of the room (valid concerns).

Question is are there reasonable construction measures available that would allow the tree to remain and resolve the root issues with the walkway and drainage? Or is removal of the tree the most reasonable alternative to resolve the issue (safety).

Application



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Tree Permit Application

Date: 11-22-2017

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 725 White St.
Cross/Corner Street Petrona St
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Gumbo Limbo tree
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit (X) Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:
(X) REMOVE () Tree Health (X) 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 The tree's root system has pushed up the deck to make a dangerous slope. Several people have slipped, fallen and hurt their backs. Also when it rains the water flows down into the room
Property Owner Name Kenneth King
Property Owner eMail Address _____
Property Owner Mailing Address 1602 Laid St.
Property Owner Mailing City Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 296-8101
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

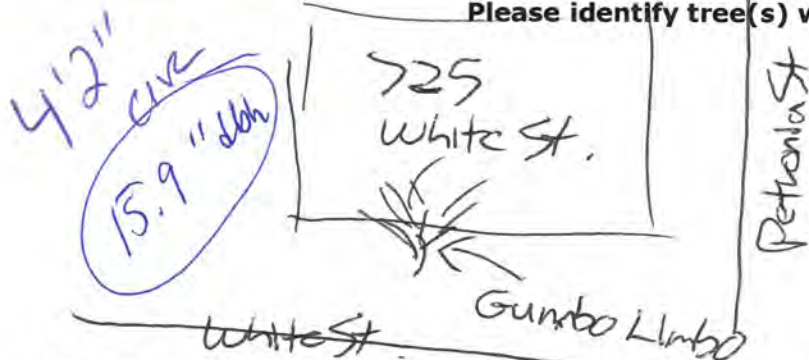
Representative Name _____
Representative eMail Address _____
Representative Mailing Address _____
Representative Mailing City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Representative Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

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



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