

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 8, 2020

RE: Administrative Hearing for 1909 Venetia Street/Marty's Place
(TC2020-0032)

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

Project received major development plan approval in January 2019. Demolition, Staging, and Building permits were issued starting in April 2019 primarily to Marino Construction Group and Charley Toppino and Sons Inc. Marino Construction is accepting responsibility of the tree issues on the site.

Two Gumbo Limbos trees (#56 and #102) were not properly protected during demolition and construction of the site causing irreputable damage to both trees. On Gumbo Limbo was to be remain in place but was instead moved and the other was not transplanted properly.

Gumbo limbo #56:





July 30, 2019

Photos of
Gumbo
Limbo #56
showing
damage to
tree roots and
main



July 30, 2019



Photo Showing entire Gumbo Limbo tree #56, 8-6-19.



Gumbo Limbo
#56, photos
taken 8-6-19





Photo of Gumbo limbo #102 taken 8-6-19.



Photo of Gumbo limbo #102 taken 8-6-19.



Photos of
Gumbo
limbo #102.





Photo of Gumbo limbo #56 taken 11-6-20.



Photo taken 11-8-20 showing both trees.



Photo of Gumbo limbo #56 taken 1-22-20.



Close up photo of base of Gumbo limbo #56 showing mushrooms and decay.



Photo of Gumbo Limbo #102 taken on 1-22-20 showing decay.



Closeup photo of the base of tree #102.

In April 2020 the two Gumbo Limbo trees were declared dead and removed from the site. The contractor did plant the full replacements of the trees on the property and the landscape plan was revised to include additional Gumbo limbo tree plantings.

Recommend a fine be issued against the contractor for the irreputable damage done to the two Gumbo limbo trees due to the lack of required tree protection and improper transplanting measures.