

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 30, 2021

RE: 1506 Catherine Street (permit application # T2021-0161)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Laurel Fig, (1) Gumbo limbo, and (1) Strangler Fig. A site inspection was done and documented the following:



Photo showing location of trees along eastern property line.



Photo showing location of trees as seen from Catherine Street.



Photo of tree canopies, view 1.



Photo showing tree trunks and location of trees along property line.



Photo of tree
canopies, view 2.



Photo of base and trunk of
Laurel Fig and Gumbo Limbo
trees.

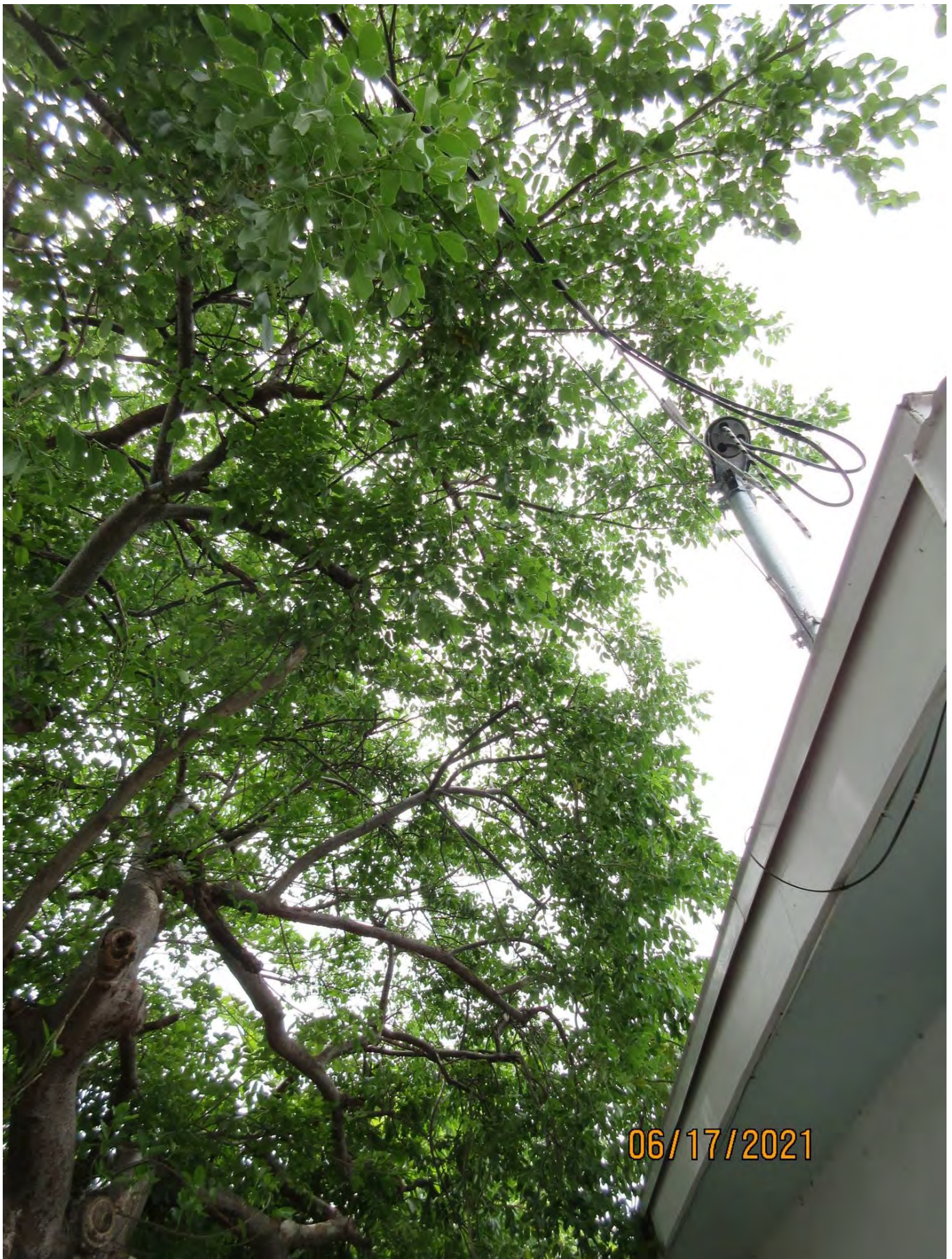


Photo of tree canopies, view 3.



Photo of tree canopies, view 4.



Photo of tree canopies with a close up of main Gumbo Limbo branch with decay, view 1.



Photo of tree canopies with a close up of main Gumbo Limbo branch with decay, view 2.



Close up photo of Fig tree trunks growing against each other. Gumbo limbo main branch/trunk in back ground. On the lower left side of this photo is the canopy of Strangler Fig tree.



Photo showing base and trunks of trees.



Photo showing trunks of trees.



Two photos showing base of trees and root systems.



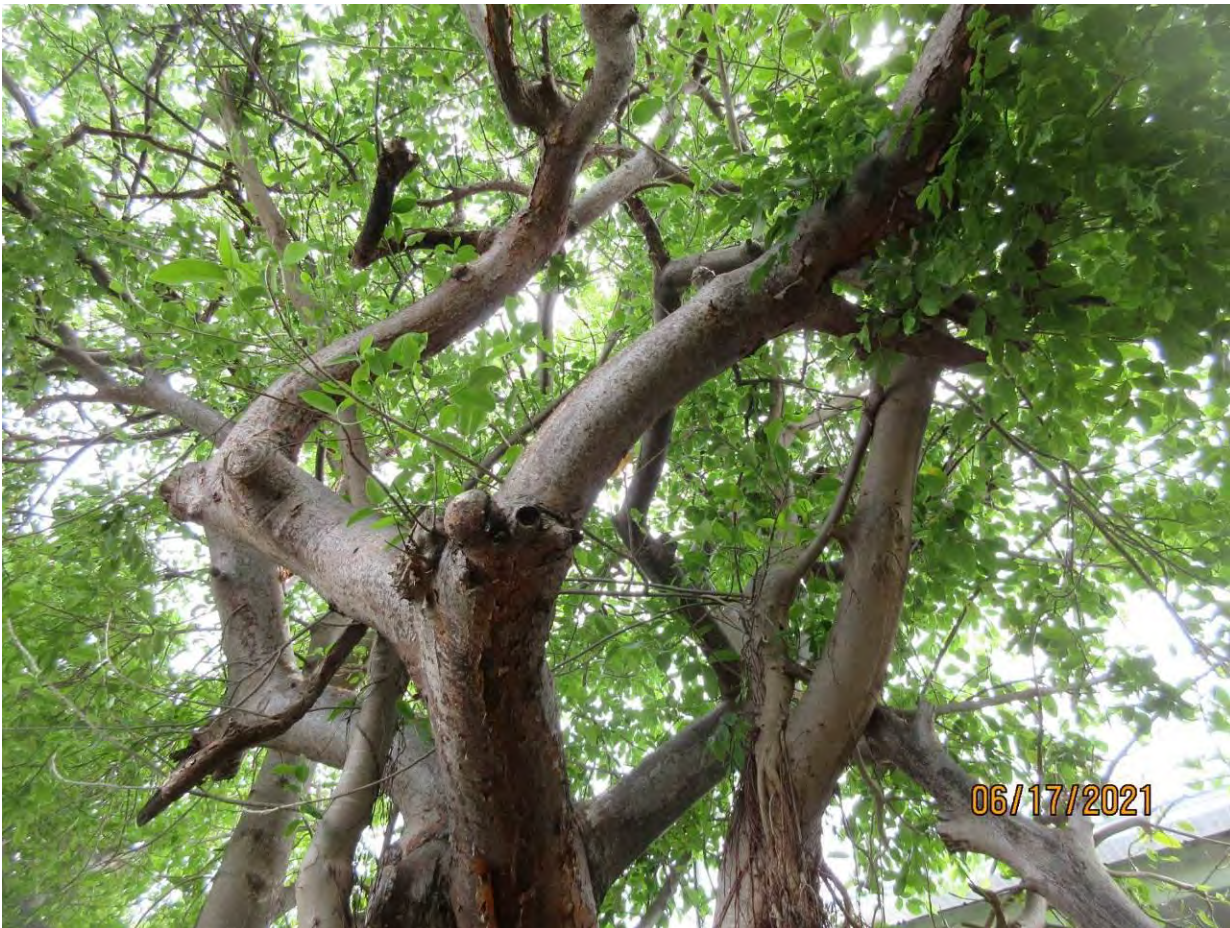


Photo showing main branches of Laurel Fig and Gumbo Limbo.



Photo showing canopy of trees and electric service to house.



Photo showing location
of strangler fig tree
behind Gumbo Limbo.

Tree Species: Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*)

Diameter: $27.7'' - 24'' = 3.7''$

Location: 50% (growing/merging with gumbo limbo tree close to property line, some canopy impacts to utility lines to house)

Species: 0% (on not protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair-multi trunked with legs enveloping gumbo limbo)

Total Average Value = 36%

Value x Diameter = 1.3 replacement caliper inches

Tree Species: Gumbo limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)

Diameter: 19.1"

Location: 50% (growing/merging with Laurel Fig tree close to property line, some canopy impacts to utility lines to house)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor, lopsided canopy toward house, decay in main branches, surface roots)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = 12.6 replacement caliper inches

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)

Diameter: 6.3"

Location: 30% (growing behind Gumbo Limbo tree in its roots system at property line.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair-young tree)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 3.9 replacement caliper inches

Total required replacements if all removals approved = 17.8"

Additional Laurel Tree being removed (no permit required):

Photo showing
Laurel tree by
front door.



Application



T2021-0161

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 5-21-2021

Tree Address

1506 Catherine St

Cross/Corner Street

Leon St.

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity

1 \neq Stranger Fig Flies and 1 Gumbo Limbo

Species Type(s) check all that apply

() Palm () Flowering () Fruit () Shade () Unsure

1 - Laurel Fig

Reason(s) for Application:

(X) Remove

() Tree Health (X) Safety (X) Other/Explain below

() Transplant

() New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below

() Heavy Maintenance Trim

() Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation

The 2 Stunner Figs if left will eventually devour the Gumbo Limbo. The Gumbo Limbo's roots have become a safety issue,

Property Owner Name

Jose Carlos Rodriguez

Property Owner email Address

katbunns 749) gmallocom

Property Owner Mailing Address

1506 Catherine St

Property Owner Phone Number

305-304-6128

Property Owner Signature

Representative Name

Kenneth Khay

Representative email Address

Representative Mailing Address

1602 Laird St.

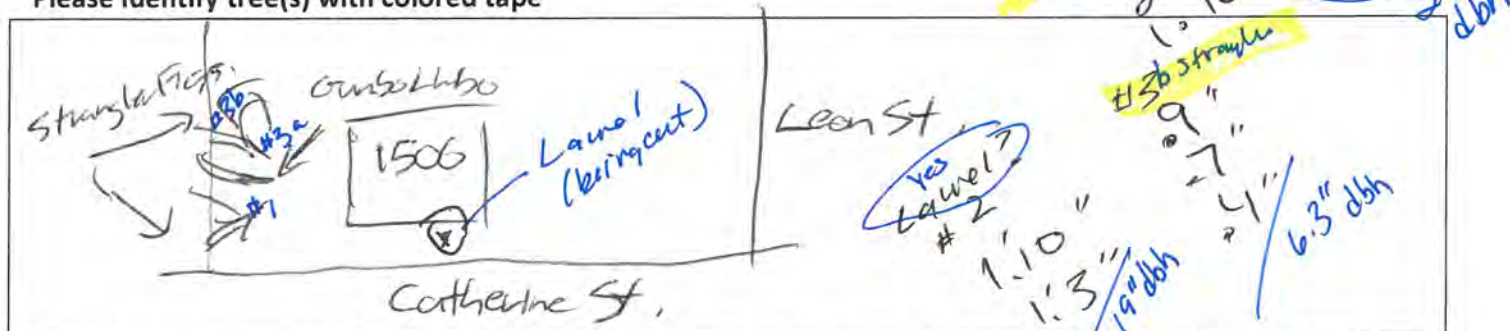
Representative Phone Number

305-296-8101

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

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.

Date 5-17-2021
Tree Address 1506 Catherine St, Key West, FL 33040
Property Owner Name Jose Carlos Rodriguez
Property Owner Mailing Address 1506 Catherine St, Key West, FL 33040
Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip
Property Owner Phone Number 305-304-6128
Property Owner email Address katburns74@gmail.com
Property Owner Signature Carl Rodriguez
Representative Name Kenneth King
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laurel St.
Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Key West FL 33040
Representative Phone Number 305-296-8101
Representative email Address

I Jose Carlos Rodriguez 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 if there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature Carl Rodriguez

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 17th day MAY 2021.
By (Print name of Affiant) Jose Carlos Rodriguez who is personally known to me or has produced
as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name: Robert F Sharpe
Print name: ROBERT F. SHARPE

My Commission expires: 3/25/23 Notary Public-State of FLORIDA (Seal)

