

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 25, 2014

RE: 1277 1st Street, Suite 1 (permit application # 6853)

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree**. A site inspection was done on April 21, 2014 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)



Diameter: 10"

Location: 40% (root issues with foundation, future issues with sidewalk and utility lines)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor structure, old scar with mushrooms on main trunk indicating decay)

Total Average Value = 60%

Value x Diameter = **6 replacement caliper inches**









Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (1) Gumbo Limbo tree located at 1277 1st Street, Suite 1, to be replaced with:

- 1. 6 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees.**

Or

- 2. 1-sabal palm, 18 ft overall height**

Application



6853

Tree Permit Application

Date: 4/16/2014

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1277 1st Street, Suite 1 Key West, FL 33040
Cross/Corner Street Near corner of 1st and Fogarty
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Tree - Gumbo Limbo
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit (X) Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:

- REMOVE () Tree Health (X) Safety (X) Other/Explain below
- () TRANSPLANT () New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below
- () HEAVY MAINTENANCE () Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation We hired a contractor to do a remodel. Gallagher's General Contracting - Michael Gallagher (305) 360-5657. He looked at the building and said the tree is starting to dig into the foundation. We called Native Landscape Design for a second opinion and he said the same thing. More info on sheet attached.

Property Owner Name Marcus Varner & Dan Reynen of WeBeFit Personal Training.
Property Owner eMail Address MarcusVarner@hotmail.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 1277 1st Street, Suite 1
Property Owner Mailing City Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 294 - 7928 CELL (305) 304-1510
Property Owner Signature Marcus Varner

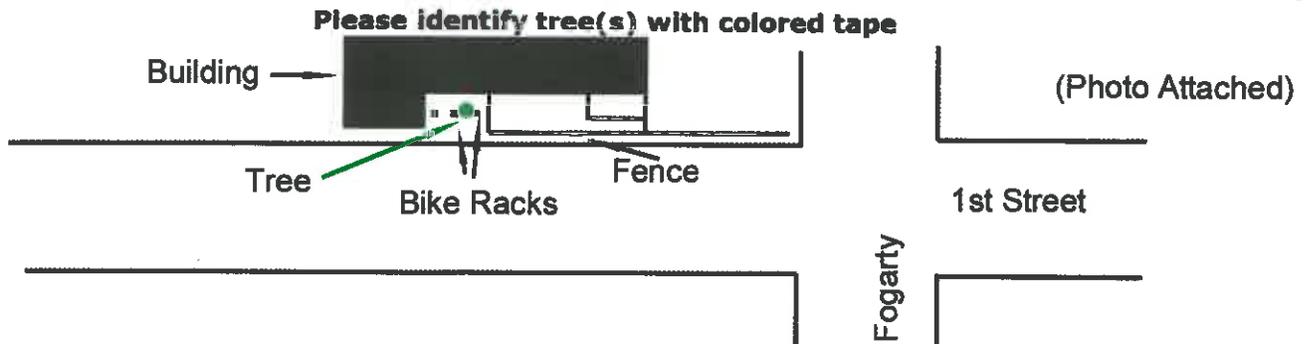
Representative Name Marcus Varner
Representative eMail Address MarcusVarner@Hotmail.com
Representative Mailing Address 1277 1st Street, Suite 1
Representative Mailing City Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040
Representative Phone Number (305) 294 - 7928 Cell (305) 304-5670

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 >>>>>

2' dia



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

Tree Permit Application -- Additional Info
WeBeFit – 1277 1st Street, Suite 1 Key West, FL 33040
(305) 294-7928
Marcus Varner

Native Landscape Design is at (305) 509-7882 and a copy of his bid is attached. He said there is also a potential safety issue with the tree and the overhead wires.

The only “land” we own is the space in front of the building where the bike racks and the current tree are. The yard beside is shared condo space (not ours), the alley beside is a city right-of-way and the back of our unit is directly up against a neighbors yard. The only place we could put a tree in is where the gumbo-limbo currently sits.

We asked the landscaper if there was an option that wouldn't intrude into the building foundation. He said a palm would be more appropriate for that location because the roots wouldn't dig into the foundation. He also said that it would be safer for the overhead wires, because it wouldn't stretch out as much.

That's why we'd like to change from the gumbo-limbo to a 16-18 foot Sabal Palm. The cost estimate for the new tree is \$550.

Marcus Varner 2/16/14

Marcus Varner

Native Landscape Design

PO Box 2847
Key West, FL 33045
Ph 305-509-7882
Fx 305-509-7924

Estimate

We Be Fit
1277 1st Street
Key West, FL 33040

3/31/2014

P.O. No.

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
TREE REMOVAL with REPLACEMENT			
Cut to Ground Level (1) Gumbo Limbo *	1	100.00	100.00
Remove Bike Stands and Stump Grind Rootball	1	400.00	400.00
Deliver and Plant (1) Sabal Palm with 16-18 ft. overall height	1	550.00	550.00
Disposal Fee	1	30.00	30.00
*Removal requires City of Key West Tree Permit			
Licensed. Insured. Certified Arborist		Total	\$1,080.00

ACCEPTANCE
SIGNATURE

Power Lines



Foundation