

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 30, 2018

RE: **216 Eanes Lane (permit application # T18-8480)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Sapodilla tree**. Several site inspections were done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Sapodilla (*Manilkara zapota*)













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08/07/2016

Diameter: 36.3"

Location: 80% (backyard tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair overall, some canopy damage due to hurricane)

Total Average Value = 80%

Value x Diameter = 29 replacement caliper inches

Note: Property owner and representative had a concern regarding an uplifted root and a potential lean to the tree trunk. Old photos indicate the tree trunk has always had a lean. Inspections document that all the roots except for one surface root are still in place in the ground.

The neighbor recently dug a large hole in the backyard and installed a pool/spa. The fill from the work was piled against the base of the sapodilla tree. It is thought that during this construction work the root was uplifted.

The canopy of the tree was properly trimmed after the hurricane (with permits). Due to the lack of absolute evidence of a safety threat of a leaning tree with uplifted and unsecured roots, denial of the removal permit is recommended. It is recommended that a permit be issued to cut/remove the uplifted root (permit required due to the size of the root and closeness to the main trunk).

Additional Information

Karen DeMaria

From: Sandra Downs <janesjunglework@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Re: Eanes Lane tree cleared

Probably remove it because of its size and proximity to homes and heightened awareness of tree dangers in hurricanes. But we are going to finish trimming as soon as we have a free day. Just busy right now and booked up a few weeks out.

Sandra Riddle
Owner & Operator
Tarzans Tree Care
(305) 304-9303

On Jul 9, 2018, at 2:29 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

I know. Any enforcement will be against the contractor/neighbor.

Do the property owners of the tree still want to remove it? Or do the trimming as I suggested?

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Sandra Downs [<mailto:janesjunglework@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:31 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Re: Eanes Lane tree cleared

Hi Karen, the owners had nothing to do with the pool installation or digging. The neighbor asked to put fill in their yard until he could dispose of it. They had no idea what was done other than temporarily allowing him to put fill on their property. They did not give any permission to put it on the tree or to cut roots on their property. My understanding is they were out of town at the time, or at least the husband was not there.

Sandra Riddle
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On Jul 6, 2018, at 1:30 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

I looked at the tree and root this morning. If that root is coming from the tree it is not a primary structural root. It could be one of the many other roots associated with the tree. I do not think that tree is a hazard and I see no evidence that it is going to fall. All of the other roots including the main structural roots appear to be in tact and stable. I do not recommend removal of the tree but I do recommend cutting of that one root, if it is attached, and trimming of the canopy for balance.

Right now I have the application listed as removal of the tree for the August 14 Tree Commission meeting. Let me know if there are any changes to that request.

There are also some serious tree abuse issues with this area.....digging in the critical root zone, Lack of tree protection, trunk damage to the frangipani.....

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Sandra Downs [<mailto:janessjunglework@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Re: Eanes Lane tree cleared

I don't know where it came from. The neighbor said it snapped up when they dug and it was attached to tree????

Sandra Riddle
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On Jul 2, 2018, at 10:35 AM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

So where did the root come from? From the photo it doesn't look like it came from the Sapodilla tree.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 10:13 AM
To: 'Sandra Downs' <janessjunglework@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Eanes Lane tree cleared

Received, I'll put it on my inspection list. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Sandra Downs [<mailto:janessjunglework@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Eanes Lane tree cleared

Here is tree now:

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Application

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JUN 25 2018

BY: WCCM



CANOPY
REMOVAL

9079

app. for Emergency
Removal

Tree Permit Application

Permit
No. 101
does not
quack

Date: 6/5/18

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 216 Eanes Lane, Key West, FL
Cross/Corner Street TRUMAN & Duval
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 sapadilla
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit (x) Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:

- (x) 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

Other/Explain roots on entire right side cut + uprooted
leaning tree, no way to fix problem

Reason for Request in danger of falling in heavy rain or wind
will crush homes

Property Owner Name Kent & Lisa Lefner
Property Owner eMail Address lisa@lefnr.com
Property Owner Mailing Address 2708 Camelot Dr.
Property Owner Mailing City Dyer State In Zip 46311
Property Owner Phone Number (317) 213 - 6648
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Tarzan Tree Care
Representative eMail Address janesjunglework@gmail.com
Representative Mailing Address 22976 Bluegill Lane
Representative Mailing City Coolidge Key State FL Zip 33042
Representative Phone Number (305) 304 - 9303

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 >>>>>

9'6" circ
36.3" dbh

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



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Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 6/5/18

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.

Tree Address 216 Eanes Lane, Key West, FL

Property Owner Name Kent & Lisa Lefner

Property Owner eMail Address lisa@lefnor.com

Property Owner Mailing Address 2702 Camelot Dr.

Property Owner Mailing City Dyer State IN Zip 46311

Property Owner Phone Number (312) 213-6648

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Tarzan Tree Care Inc

Representative eMail Address janesjunglework@gmail.com

Representative Mailing Address 22970 Bluegill Lane

Representative Mailing City Cudjoe Key State FL Zip 33042

Representative Phone Number (305) 364-9303

I LISA Lefner, 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 [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 5th day June 2018.

By (Print name of Affiant) Lisa Lefner who is personally known to me or has produced Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC
Sign Name: [Signature]

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Michael Eric Johnson

My Commission Expires: 01/25/2024



Karen DeMaria

From: Sandra Riddle <janesjunglework@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Fwd: Follow up Eanes tree

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kent Lefner <kent@lefner.com>
Date: June 5, 2018 at 1:59:09 PM EDT
To: Sandra Downs <janesjunglework@gmail.com>
Cc: Lisa Lefner <lisa@lefner.com>
Subject: Re: Follow up Eanes tree

Here are some pix I have of the tree before and after Irma.

Before Irma





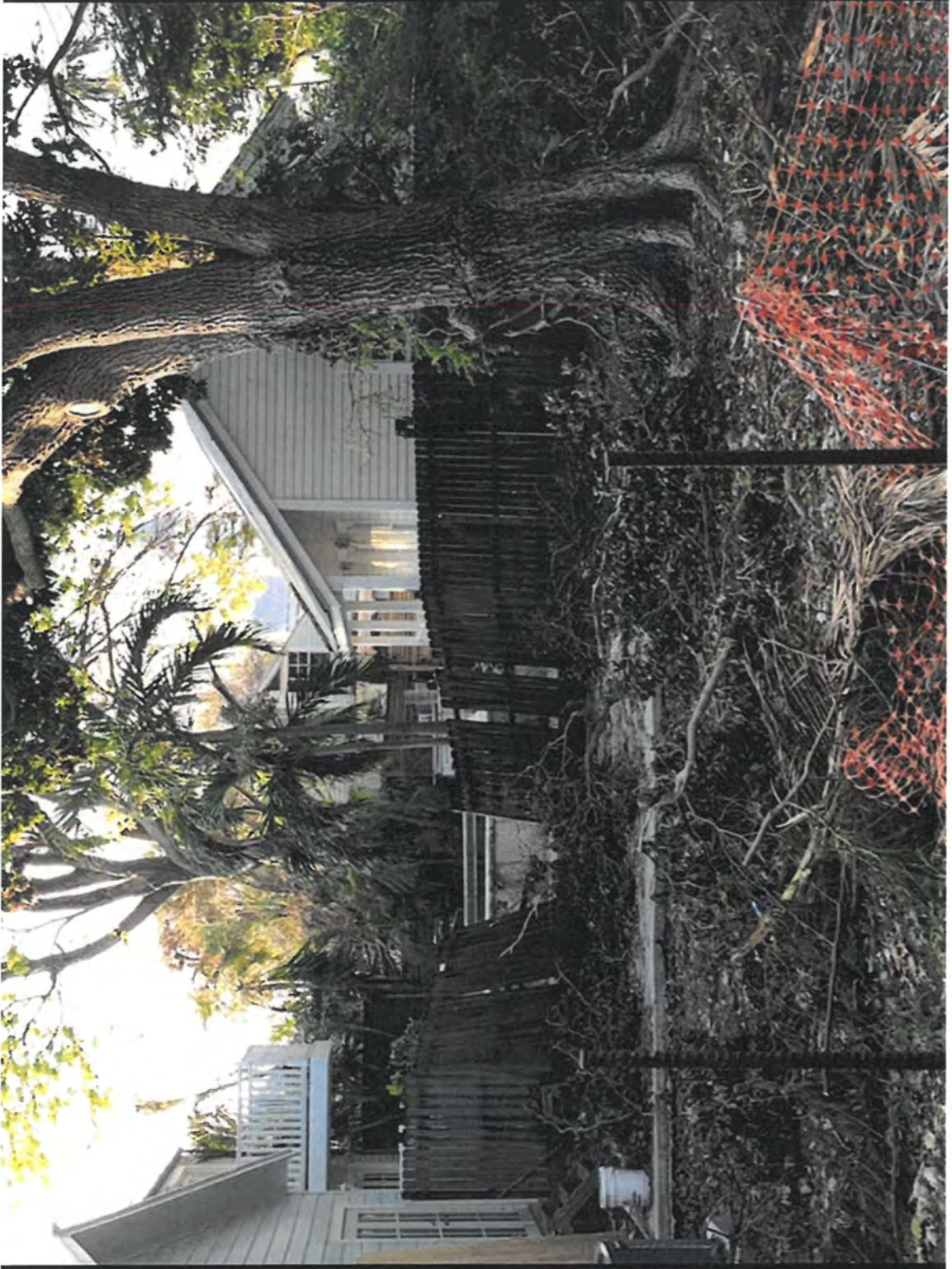


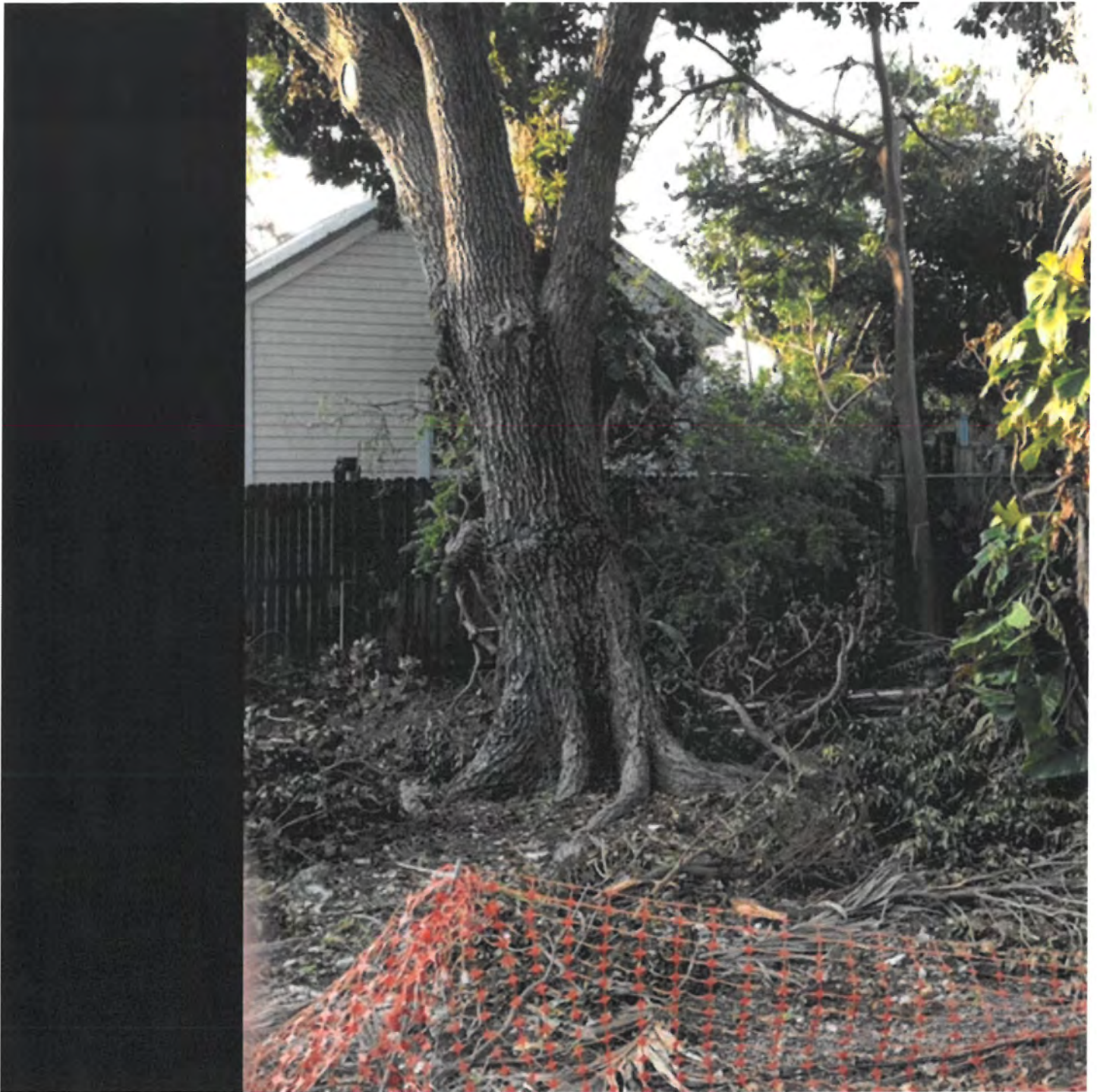
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Request Info







Kent Lefner
312-925-7181
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Kent@lefner.com

On Jun 5, 2018, at 12:59 PM, Sandra Downs <janesjunglework@gmail.com> wrote:

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