

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 3, 2018

RE: Administrative Hearing, 1300 Ashby Street

A citizen's complaint was received by Community Services regarding a lot having been cleared and a complaint was also filed on the City of Key West website regarding the removal of trees at this property. A subsequent inspection documented that sea grape trees had been removed without benefit of a tree removal permit. A meeting was held with the property owner on site to discuss the issue. The property owner, new to Key West, was not aware of the tree regulations.









05/31/2018





It appears that a total of 6 sea grape trees have been removed without benefit of a tree removal permit. Three of the sea grapes were approximately 6"-8" diameter and the other three were approximately 4"-6" diameter.

Recommend requiring the replanting of trees on the property.

Karen DeMaria

From: Paul Volero <volerop@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 1:14 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Re: Tree issues at 1300 Ashby

That's what I thought.
I just wanted to make sure .
thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2018, at 1:31 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Paul:

I received your phone message, trees required to be planted as per a tree removal permit or settlement agreement must be planted into the ground. Trees in pots are not accepted.

To confirm the issues discussed at our site meeting, a total of 6 sea grape trees were removed without benefit of a tree removal permit. I will send out an Administrative Hearing notice to be heard at the Tree Commission meeting August 14 at 5 p.m. at City Hall (1300 United Street). You will be asked if you want to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the City. I will be requesting that trees be replanted on the property as part of the settlement agreement and the Tree Commission will hopefully agree and set the amount of inches to be planted on the property.

We also looked at a Seaside Mahoe trees that is growing on the United Street side of your property. Seaside Mahoe trees are not regulated therefore, if you choose to remove it, no permit is required.

On the other side of the property we looked at a pink tabebuia tree that I measured to be 17.5" diameter. This tree is also not regulated at this time. If you choose to remove this tree, no permit is required.

Sincerely,


Karen

Karen DeMaria
Urban Forestry Manager/Tree Commission
Certified Arborist
305-809-3768

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 1300 Ashby St



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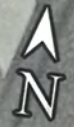
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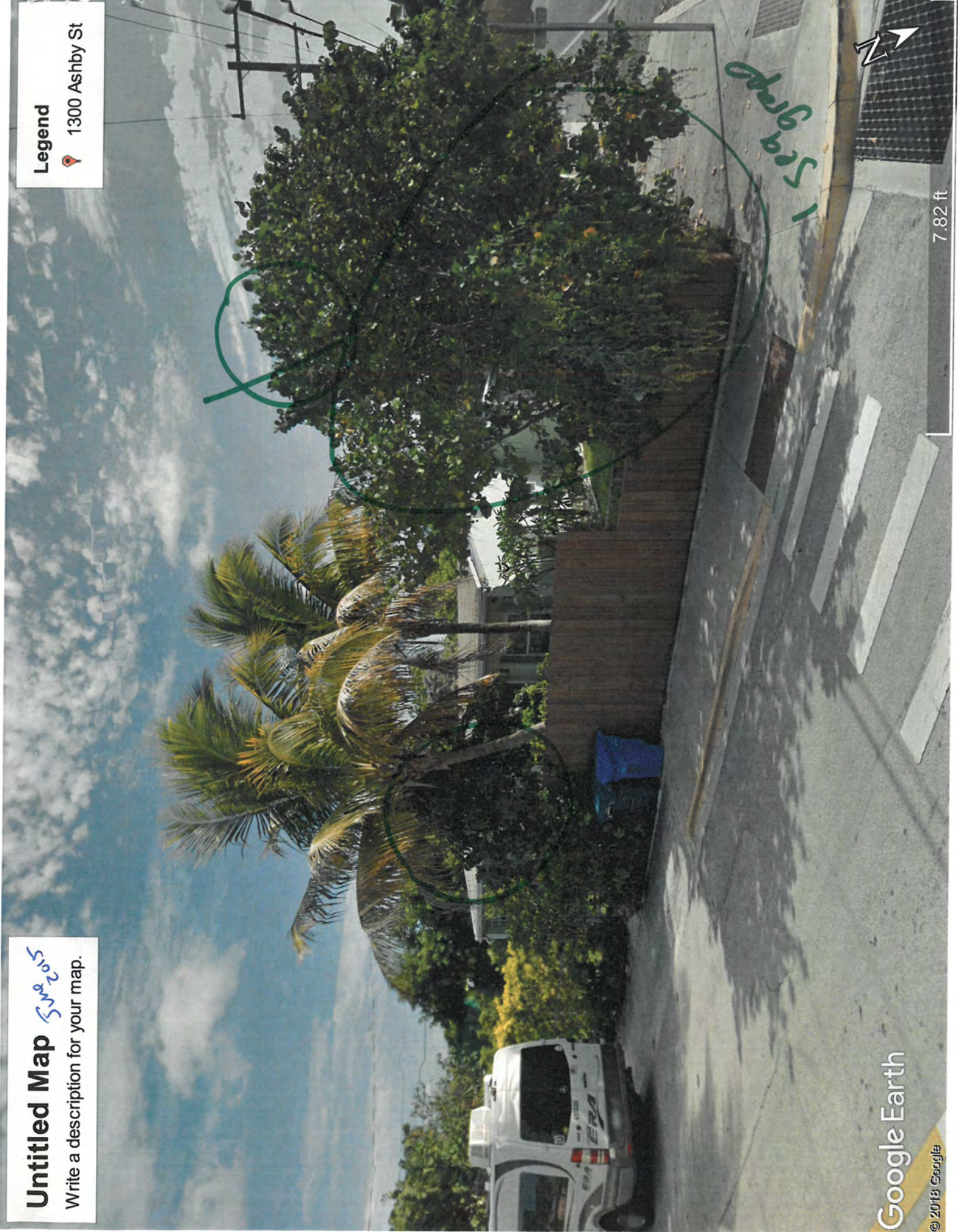
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 1300 Ashby St



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 1300 Ashby St

June 2015

Borch clumps

Yucca

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Karen DeMaria

From: Natalie Hill
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Megan Miller
Cc: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Tree Issue

Hi Megan,

Could you check in the tree database to see if there was an application submitted for 1300 Ashby St for a tree removal? I have highlighted the information that has been supplied below. Thank you!

-N

From: Portia Navarro [mailto:pnavarro@cityofkeywest-fl.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Natalie Hill <nhill@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Work Order: W006719-053018:: W006719-053018

Reference No: W006719-053018
Request Status: Assigned
Service Request Type: Tree trimming
Priority: Medium
Assigned To: Mary Anderson
Customer Email: None
Name: Anonymous User Anonymous User
Customer Phone:
Create Date: 5/30/2018 1:09:28 PM
Update Date: 6/4/2018 10:54:16 AM
Last Reviewed: 6/4/2018 10:54:16 AM
Source: Web

Address 1: 1300 Ashby Street

Address 2:

City: Key West

State/Province: FL

Zip/Postal Code: 33040

Information: The new owner may have removed the bulk of their trees on their property without permission, as it has been stripped rather clean with a backhoe over the past few days. The concern is the removal of trees without proper replanting to maintain our canopy. A quick search will show some before photos online as the house recently sold and you can compare to what exists today.

Karen DeMaria

From: William Collins
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: 1300 Ashby
Attachments: IMG_4766.jpg; ATT00001.txt; IMG_4767.jpg; ATT00002.txt; IMG_4768.jpg; ATT00003.txt; IMG_4769.jpg; ATT00004.txt

Completely clear lot. Sea Grapes mostly big ones. Anonymous phone call to Landscape dept. any permitting you know of

Admin Case

