

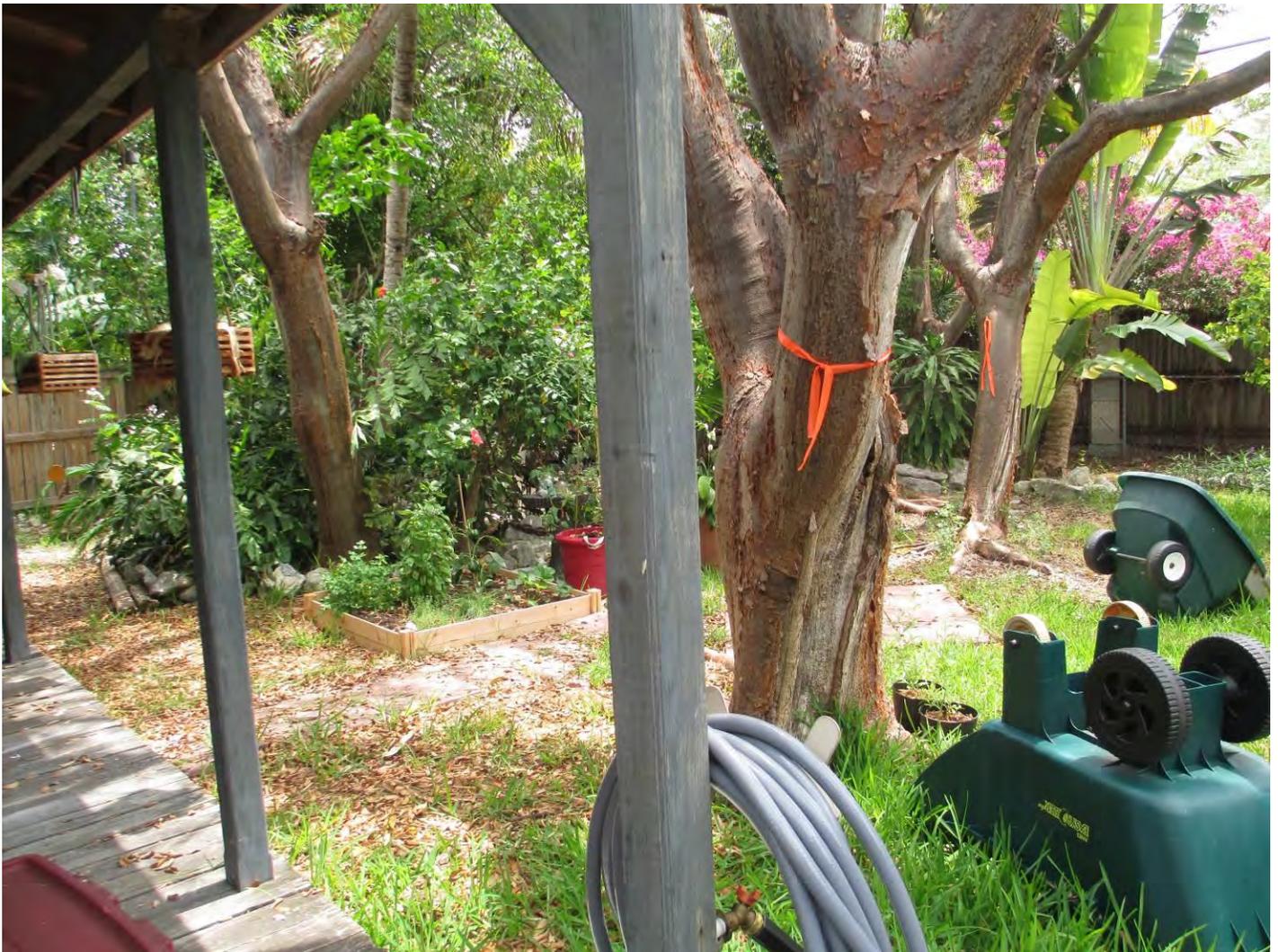
STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 25, 2014

RE: 3544 Duck Avenue (permit application #6854)

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

An application was received for the removal of (2) **Gumbo Limbo** trees. A site inspection was done on April 24, 2014 and documented the following:



1. Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simarba*)



Decay

Diameter: 20"

Location: 80% (backyard tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (decay and insects in trunk of tree-potential safety hazard)

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Value x Diameter = **8.5 replacement caliper inches**





Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbo trees located in the back yard of 3544 Duck Avenue , to be replaced with (1) 8 ft tall FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees, minimum 1” diameter (hardship request-trees are a hazard).

Application



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Tree Permit Application

Date: 4-21-2014

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 3544 Duck Ave. Key West, FL 33040
Cross/Corner Street 18th St.
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Gumbo Limbo 2
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:

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

Additional Information and Explanation Trees are decayed at the base,

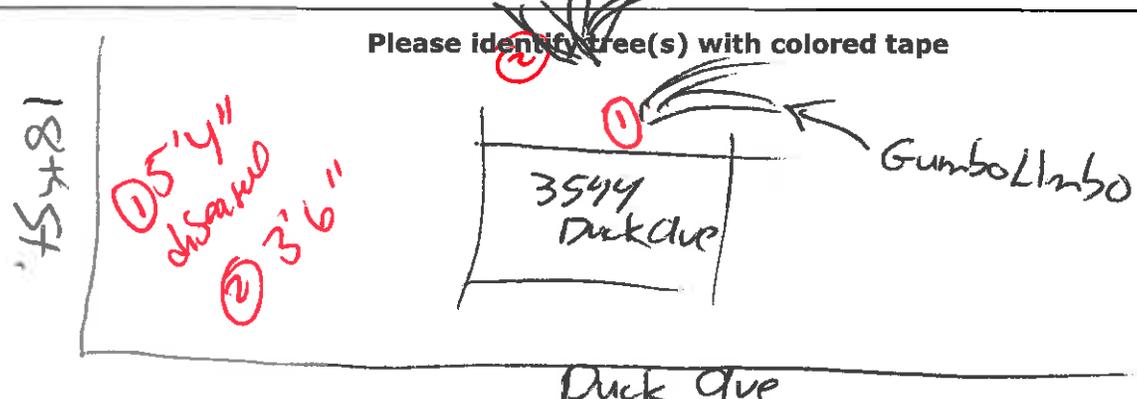
Property Owner Name Chanda Johnston
Property Owner eMail Address _____
Property Owner Mailing Address 3544 Duck Ave.
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-0767
Property Owner Signature _____

Representative Name Kenneth King
Representative eMail Address _____
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Lakeland St.
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040
Representative Phone Number (305) 926-8101

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 >>>>>



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



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Tree Representation Authorization

Date: 4/19/14

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 3544 DUCK AVE KEY WEST FL 33040

Property Owner Name CHANDA JOHNSTON

Property Owner eMail Address CHANDA767@YAHOO.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address 3544 DUCK AVE KEY WEST, FL 33040

Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040

Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-0767

Property Owner Signature Chanda Johnston

Representative Name Kamek King

Representative eMail Address _____

Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laland St.

Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040

Representative Phone Number (305) 296-8101

I CHANDA JOHNSTON, 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 Chanda Johnston

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 19th day April 2014.

By (Print name of Affiant) Chanda Johnston who is personally known to me or has produced FL DL # J52343-76-868-0 as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Rocio E. Lindback

Print Name: Rocio E. Lindback

My Commission Expires: 09-01-2014

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)



Chanda Johnston
3544 Duck Ave
Key West, FL 33040

April 21, 2014

Sir / Ma'am,

I am writing to you today for your consideration regarding two of the four gumbo limbo trees on my property. These two trees have become decayed at the base and now pose a danger to the structure of my home as well as to my family. The tree closest to my home has large branches that hang over my home. When the tree falls, the damage to my home will be extensive. Insects continue to make their home in, as well as eat, this tree and the damage gets worse with each day. The second tree is in the center of the yard and the base is literally crumbling. It is very top heavy and with the amount of decay at the base, it is sure to fall. The tree is very tall and when it falls, it will damage both my property, as well as my rear neighbor's property.

When my family purchased this home 30 years ago, there was a single tree at the very back. Over the years we have planted and nurtured many varieties and our yard is now home to 4 large gumbo limbos, an autograph tree, several large coconut palms, hibiscus, traveler palm, fishtail palm, and many, many more. I understand when a request is made to remove a tree, a replacement is customary. I request you take into consideration the extensive planting already done by my family and not require it in this case. The cost of removing these two trees is already an unexpected financial hardship and requiring the purchase of additional trees would add to that burden. My family loves all of the many trees we have added and grown over the years and are sad to request the removal of these two, but the safety of my family should come first.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chanda Johnston

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