

# **Staff Report**

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

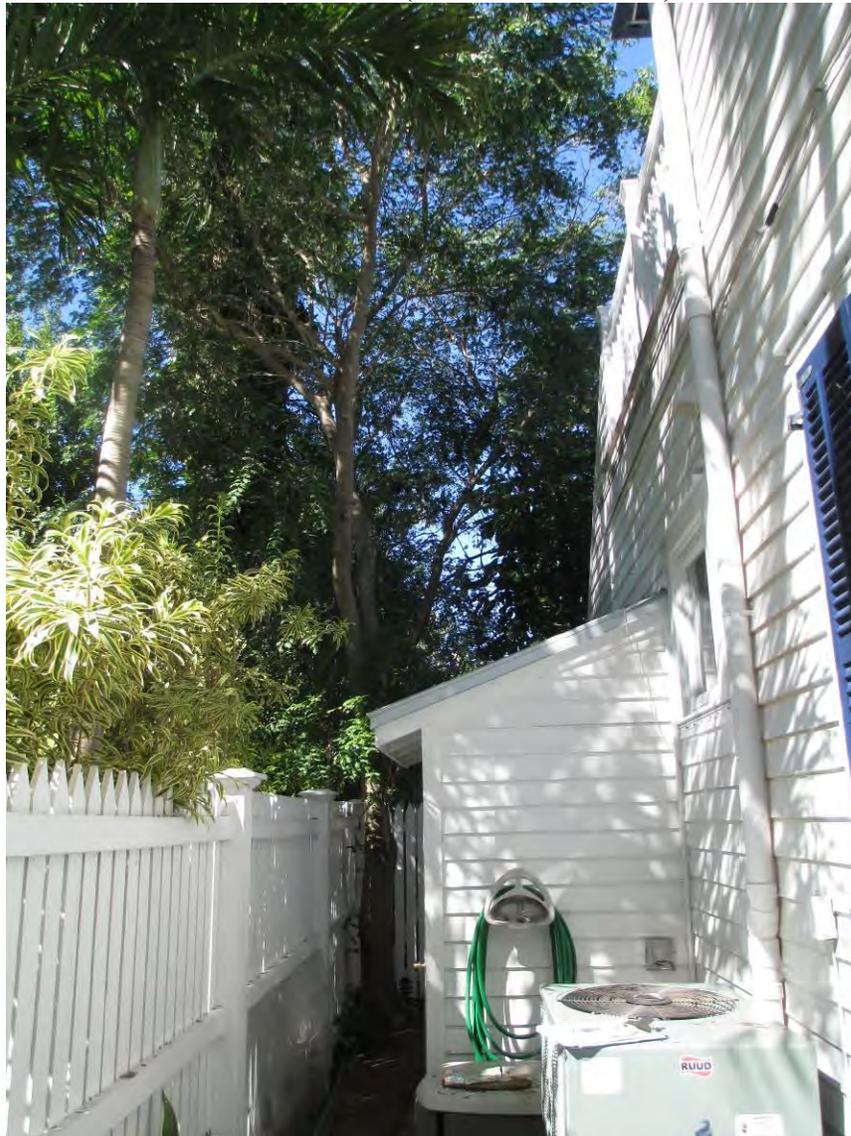
DATE: January 27, 2014

**RE: 1127 Von Phister Street (permit application #6718 )**

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

An application was received for the removal of **(1) tree**. A site inspection was done on January 23, 2014 and documented the following:

1. Tree Species: Bulnesia/Verawood (*Bulnesia arborea*)



Diameter: 10"

Location: 50% (too close to fence, root issues with walkway, fence, and neighbors, side/backyard tree on vegetated lot)

Species: 50% (not on protected or not protected tree list)

Condition: 70 % (fair, codominant trunks at plus 6 ft, canopy looks good)

Total Average Value = 56%

Value x Diameter = **5.6 replacement caliper (dsh) inches**







2. Bulnesia/Verawood (*Bulnesia arborea*)



Diameter: 8"

Location: 40% (too close to fence, root issues with utility area and piping, fence, and neighbors, side/backyard tree on vegetated lot)

Species: 50% (not on protected or not protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair, codominant trunk at 3 ft, canopy misshaped)

Total Average Value = 46 %

Value x Diameter = **3.6 replacement caliper (dbh) inches**





**Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (2 )  
Bulnesia trees located at 1127 Von Phister Street, to be replaced with  
9.2 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit trees.**

# Application



6718

City of Key West Tree Commission

Tree Permit Application

PO Box 1409  
Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: 305-809-3764  
Fax: 305-809-3978

RE#: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Key: \_\_\_\_\_

1-23-14  
Feb 2014  
TC  
KD

\* Home/Property Owner: Suzanne Rathbone Date: 1/21/14

\* Mailing Address: 1127 Von Phister St Key West FL 33040

\* Owner Signature: [Signature] Owner Ph#: (60) 324-3307

Represented by: Bob Corder, Just Keys Trees Rep. Ph#: 305 304-3144

Represented by mailing address: Just Keys Trees  
5350 5th Ave Unit 6

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.

A letter of representation from the owner must accompany this application if the owner is unable to attend.

Letter of Representation ( )

Tree(s) Address: 1127 Von Phister Cross/Corner Street: White

Common Name(s): Vera wood (2) Scientific Name(s): Bulnesia

Species Type(s) (check all that apply): ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) Shade arborea

Reason(s) for Application (check all that apply):

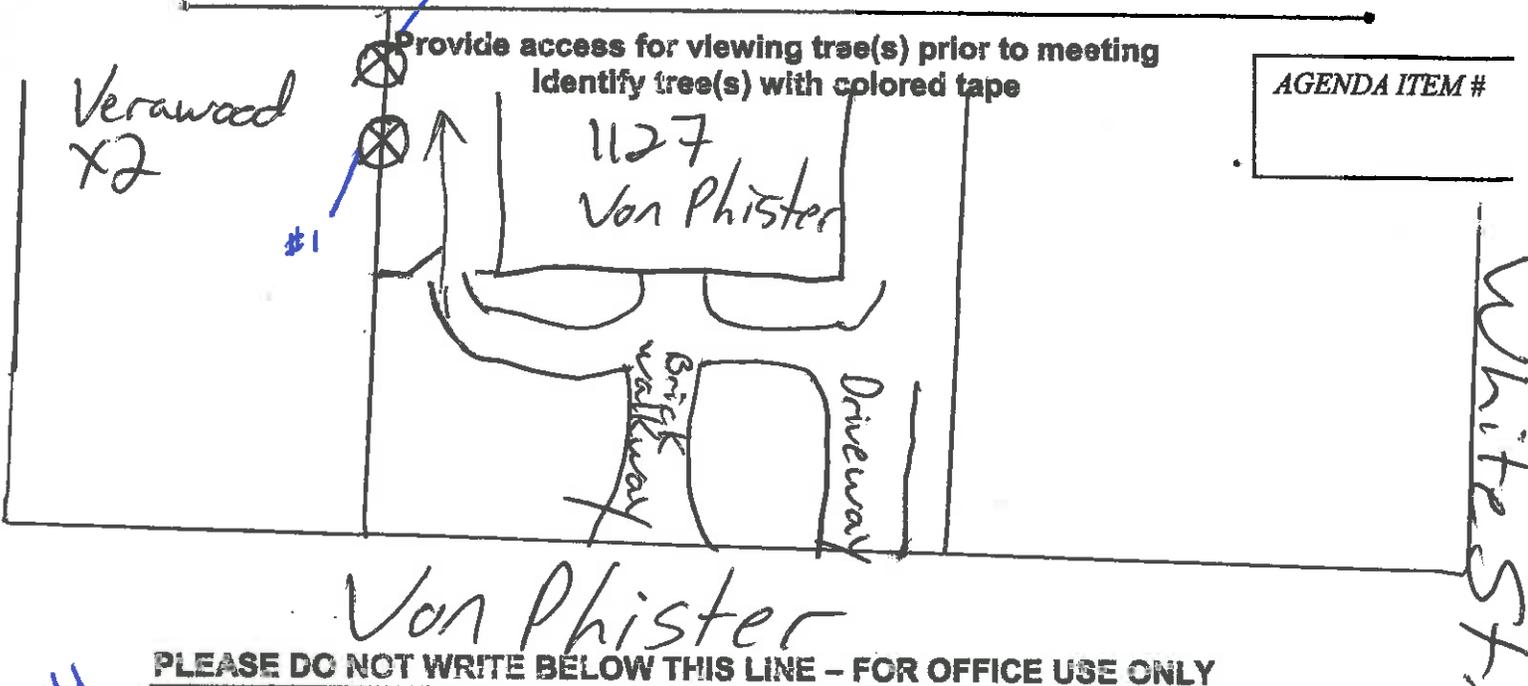
- REMOVE
- Tree Health
- Safety
- Other / Explain
- TRANSPLANT
- New Location
- Same Property
- Other / Explain
- HEAVY MAINTENANCE
- Branch Removal
- Crown Cleaning/Thinning
- Crown Reduction

Reason(s) for request:

One tree is lifting the pool equipment  
and the other is growing under the  
property fence.

Replacement plant material must be Florida Grade #1. Replacement of a palm with a native palm is required. Replacement of a canopy tree with a native canopy tree is required. If you need assistance with replacements, please call the Landscape Department at 305-809-3723. If this process requires blocking of a city right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact Diane Nicklaus 305-809-3951.

<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>



Von Phister

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Tree Species Bulnesia

Circumference #1 2'8" #2 2'2" ÷ 3.14 = diameter #1 10" #2 8"

Location #1 50 % Species 50 % Condition 70 % Total Average Value #1 56 %

#2 40 #2 50 #2 50 #2 46

Avg. value X Diameter = 9.2"

#1.56 x 10 = 5.6"

#2.46 x 8 = 3.6"

Replacement Inches

LOCATION: OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET, 5:00 p.m.

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( ) TABLED ( ) APPROVED ( ) DENIED ( ) FURTHER ACTION

COMMENTS:

1-23-14  
11:55 AM  
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**AUTHORIZATION LETTER**

X Suzanne Rathbone  
(owner address)  
1127 Van Phister St  
Key West FL 33040

Dear Tree Commissioners:

This letter is authorization and confirmation that I, X Suzanne Rathbone, have  
(owner name)  
retained Just Keys Trees, Inc to represent me in the matter of obtaining a  
(representative name)  
permit from the City of Key West for my property at X 1127 Van Phister  
(tree address)  
You may contact me at X 610-324-3307. Thank you.  
(telephone number)

X Suzanne Rathbone  
Signature

City of Key West Tree Commission  
McCoy Indigenous Park  
1801 White Street  
Key West, FL 33040