

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 30, 2021

RE: 1506 Catherine Street (permit application # T2021-0161)

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

An application was received requesting the removal of (1) Laurel Fig, (1) Gumbo limbo, and (1) Strangler Fig. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

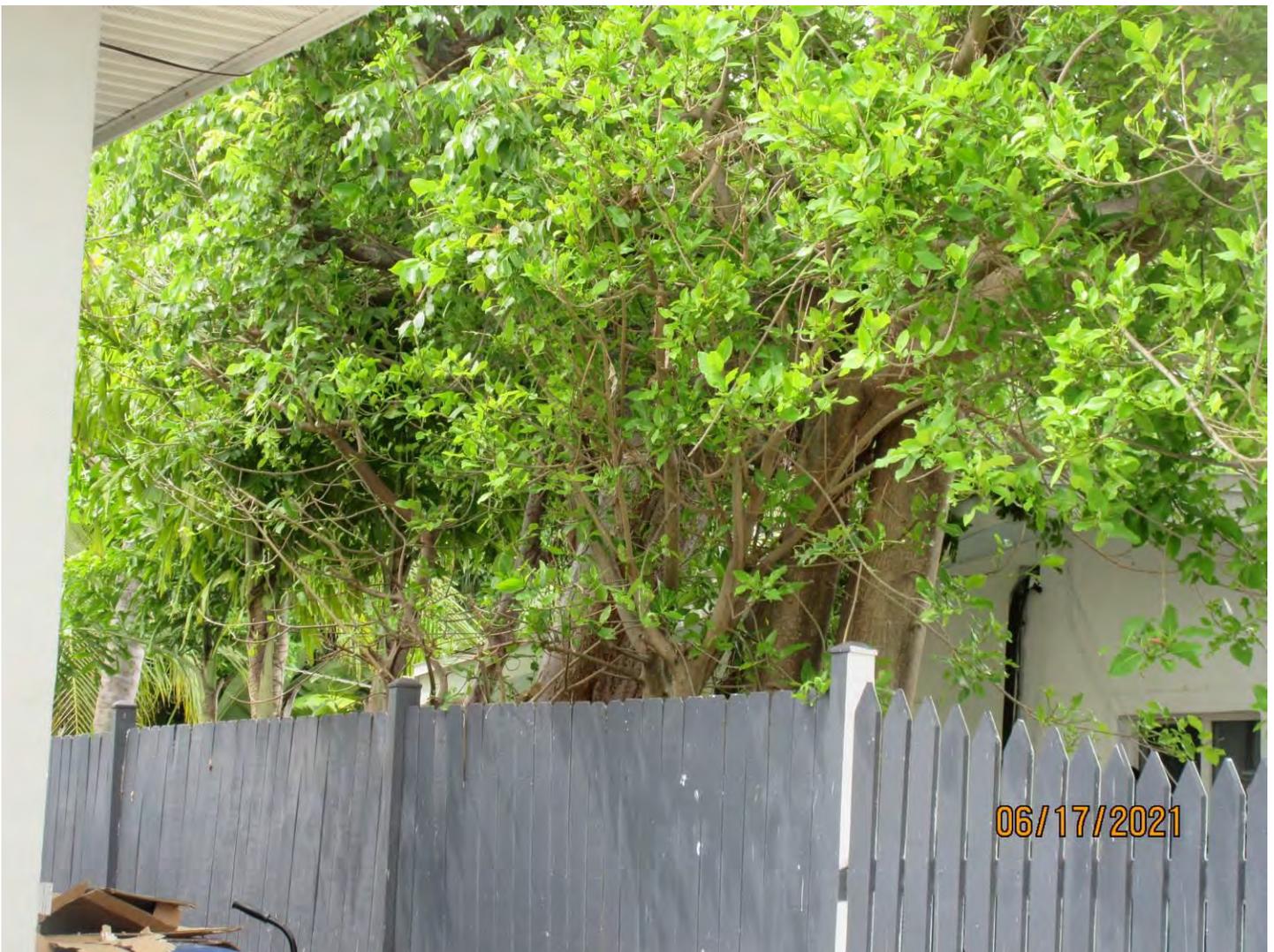


Photo showing location of trees along eastern property line.



Photo showing location of trees as seen from Catherine Street.



Photo of tree canopies, view 1.

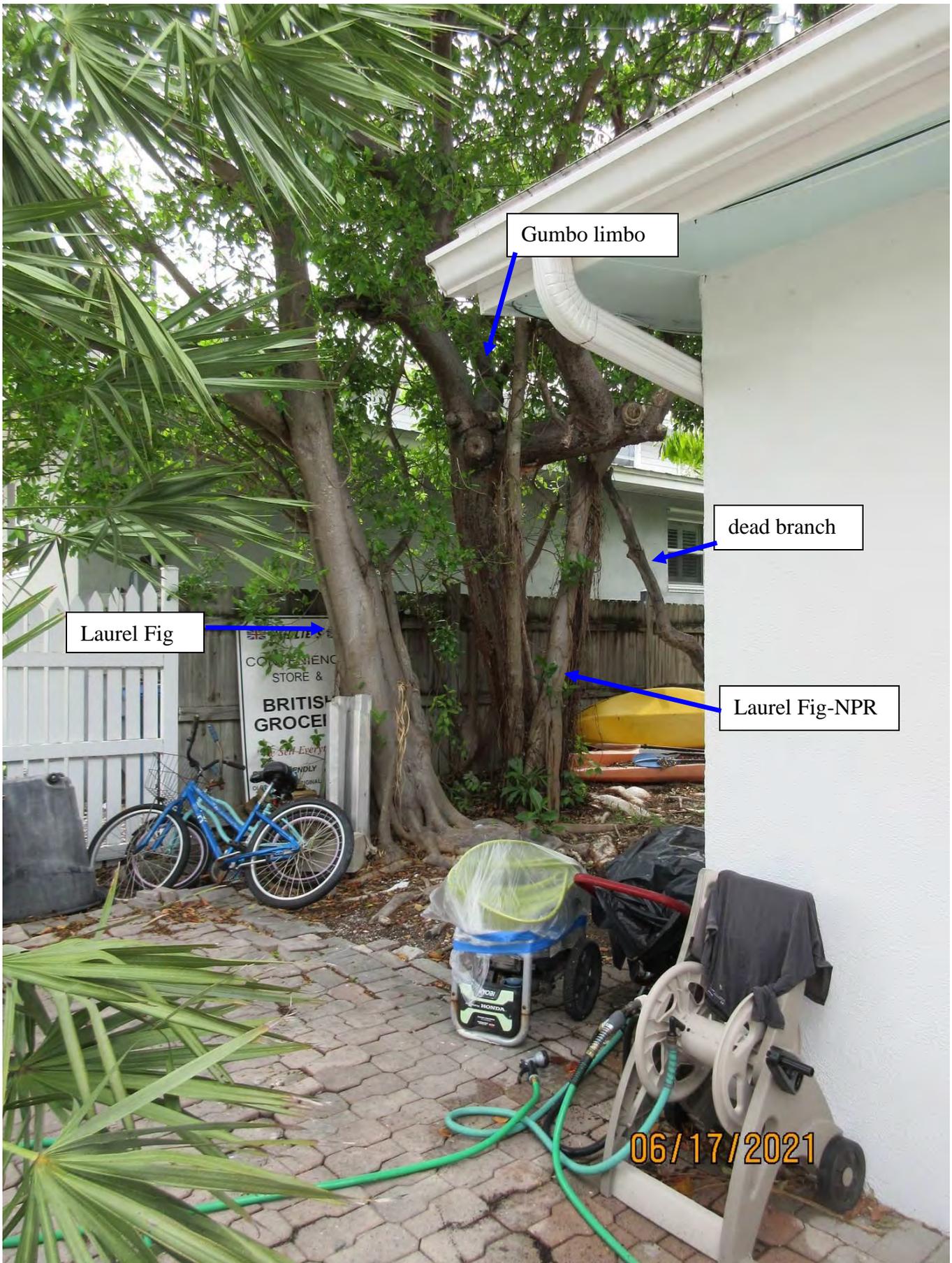


Photo showing tree trunks and location of trees along property line.



Photo of tree canopies, view 2.



Photo of base and trunk of Laurel Fig and Gumbo Limbo trees.



Photo of tree canopies, view 3.



Photo of tree canopies, view 4.



Photo of tree canopies with a close up of main Gumbo Limbo branch with decay, view 1.



Photo of tree canopies with a close up of main Gumbo Limbo branch with decay, view 2.



Close up photo of Fig tree trunks growing against each other. Gumbo limbo main branch/trunk in back ground. On the lower left side of this photo is the canopy of Strangler Fig tree.



Photo showing base and trunks of trees.



Photo showing trunks of trees.



Two photos showing base of trees and root systems.





Photo showing main branches of Laurel Fig and Gumbo Limbo.

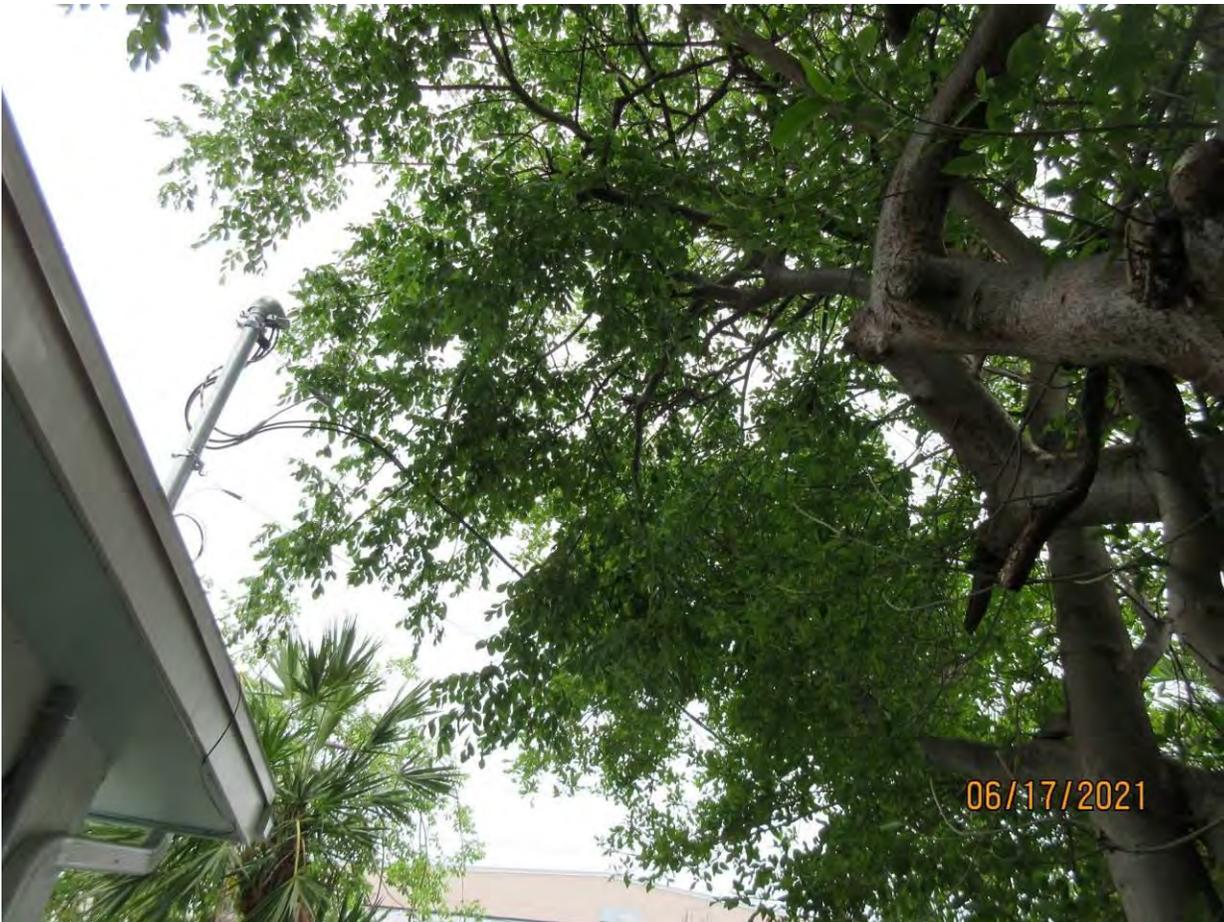


Photo showing canopy of trees and electric service to house.



Photo showing location of strangler fig tree behind Gumbo Limbo.

Tree Species: Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*)  
Diameter:  $27.7'' - 24'' = 3.7''$   
Location: 50% (growing/merging with gumbo limbo tree close to property line, some canopy impacts to utility lines to house)  
Species: 0% (on not protected tree list)  
Condition: 60% (fair-multi trunked with legs enveloping gumbo limbo)  
Total Average Value = 36%  
Value x Diameter = 1.3 replacement caliper inches

Tree Species: Gumbo limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)

Diameter: 19.1"

Location: 50% (growing/merging with Laurel Fig tree close to property line, some canopy impacts to utility lines to house)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair to poor, lopsided canopy toward house, decay in main branches, surface roots)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = 12.6 replacement caliper inches

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)

Diameter: 6.3"

Location: 30% (growing behind Gumbo Limbo tree in its roots system at property line.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair-young tree)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 3.9 replacement caliper inches

Total required replacements if all removals approved = 17.8"

Additional Laurel Tree being removed (no permit required):

Photo showing  
Laurel tree by  
front door.



# Application



T2021-0161

### Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 5-21-2021

Tree Address 1506 Catherine St -  
 Cross/Corner Street Leon St.  
 List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 ~~7~~ Strangler Fig Plants and 1 Gumbo Limbo  
 Species Type(s) check all that apply  Palm  Flowering  Fruit  Shade  Unsure 1 - Laurel Fig  
 Reason(s) for Application:  
 Remove  Tree Health  Safety  Other/Explain below  
 Transplant  New Location  Same Property  Other/Explain below  
 Heavy Maintenance Trim  Branch Removal  Crown Cleaning/Thinning  Crown Reduction

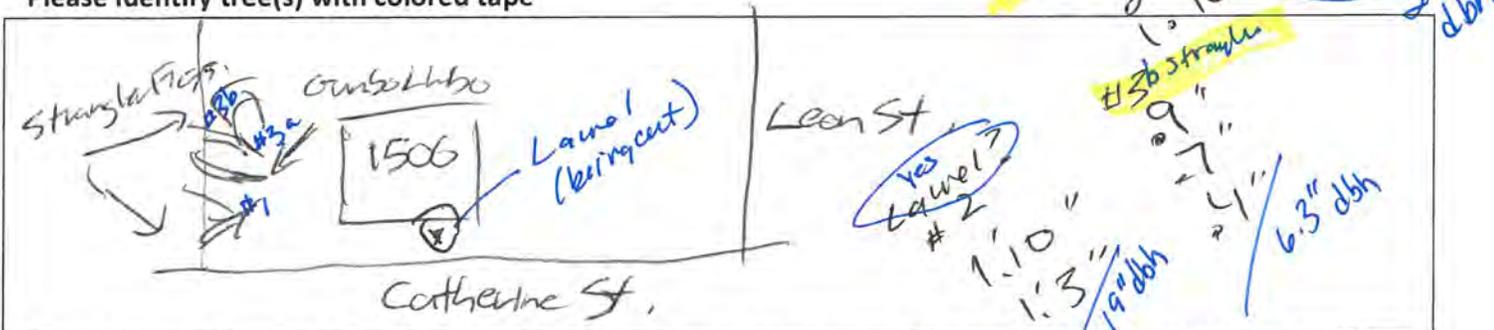
Additional Information and Explanation The 2 Strangler Figs if left will eventually devour the Gumbo Limbo. The Gumbo Limbo's roots have become a safety issue.

Property Owner Name Jose Carlos Rodriguez ✓  
 Property Owner email Address katburris74@gmail.com  
 Property Owner Mailing Address 1506 Catherine St.  
 Property Owner Phone Number 305-304-6128  
 Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Kenneth King  
 Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laurel St.  
 Representative Phone Number 305-296-9101

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  
Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



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



# Tree Representation Authorization

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.

Date 5-17-2021

Tree Address 1506 Catherine St, Key West, FL 33040

Property Owner Name Jose Carlos Rodriguez

Property Owner Mailing Address 1506 Catherine St, Key West, FL 33040

Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip

Property Owner Phone Number 305-304-6128

Property Owner email Address katburns74@gmail.com

Property Owner Signature Carl Rodriguez

Representative Name Kenneth King

Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laurel St.

Representative Mailing City, State, Zip Key West FL 33040

Representative Phone Number 305-296-8101

Representative email Address

I Jose Carlos Rodriguez 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 Carl Rodriguez

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 17<sup>th</sup> day MAY 2021.  
By (Print name of Affiant) Jose Carlos Rodriguez who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

Sign name: Robert F Sharpe  
Print name: ROBERT F. SHARPE

My Commission expires: 3/25/23 Notary Public-State of FLORIDA (Seal)

