

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 18, 2015

RE: Closure of an Old Permit, 2 Spoonbill Way

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

On December 18, 2013, a permit was issued (T13-6651) for the removal of 4-Alexander Palms at 56 Front Street. On February 10, 2015, a site inspection documented that a three Autograph trees had been planted on the property as a replacement.

The above open tree permit requires the replacement of 4 native palms onto the property. After the removal of the palms, including areca palms from the property, the property owner re-landscaped the yard to include many non-native plant species commonly seen in the golf course community and three autograph trees. The property owner is requesting closure of the old palm permit (see attached letter from property owner).

The Tree Ordinance allows for the Tree Commission to approve the request of the replacement changes from palm to dicot trees and visa versa. In evaluating the request, if the homeowner had paid a fee for the palms into the tree fund, they would have had to pay \$1000 (\$250 x 4 palm tree). That amount is equivalent to 6.6 caliper inches of dicot trees if a fee was paid (\$1000/\$150 per inch). The total caliper inches of Autograph trees that were planted on the property is approximately 9 caliper inches.

Therefore, the Urban Forester recommends approval of the closure of tree commission permit T13-6651.

Karen DeMaria

From: Kevin Flynn <kflynn@kflaw.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 7:42 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: From Kevin Flynn re 2 Spoonbill Way.
Attachments: Mama's Invoices. (00298967).PDF

Hi Karen:

As a follow up to our discussion of yesterday, I have attached the invoices I received from Mama's Garden Center.

Just a bit of background: We purchased 2 SBW in late 2013 after owning a much smaller bungalow style home in the Golf Club for 10 years prior (we sold the smaller home in 2014).

The grounds and the landscaping at 2 SBW were a chaotic mess when we bought it. The people who owned the home before us let it deteriorate badly over many years.

We asked John at Dot Palm to remove four non-native palms. Two of them, I believed, were in danger of falling on the house in a bad storm or hurricane (I remember Wilma well). John handled the permitting and I was never told that he said the non-native palms were to be replaced by native palms (I'm not sure why he or his office wrote the permit that way).

We worked with Mike at Mama's to remove the old, large cement pavers on the property and install red bricks. The prior owner's irrigation system didn't work properly so Mama's repaired that too.

Then, Mike and my wife designed the landscaping. We chose only trees and plants that we had seen at other homes in the Golf Club or around Key West in general.

You will see on the invoice for the plantings that we planted twelve new palm trees. We also planted three Clusia Guttifera Trees (not scrubs) in a spot on the property that had been vacant, and we planted a Dwarf Tree in another empty spot by the A/C unit.

All in all, our trees and other landscaping improved the property greatly. The management of the Golf Club thanked us for the work we did and the landscaping received many positive comments from our neighbors. Although we live in NY, we spend a lot of time in Key West so it was an important project for us.

One last thing, when you visit the property, the gate to the back sometimes sticks. So, just pull the string latch and give the door a good push with your hand and you'll get access to the back.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Kevin.

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4 palms



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Invoiced 8/29/2014
Modified 8/29/2014

Customer	Kevin Flynn 2 Spoonbill Way Key West, FL US	Shipping Address	2 Spoonbill Way Key West, FL US	Contact	(718) 575-0535 Dawn Wife (work) PO: 8/27-8/28 (917) 549-0507 Kevin cell (mobile) Shipping: None (718) 644-0537 Dawn Cell kevinmflynn@aol.com
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Product Code	Description	Sell	Qty	BO	Total
02315	Clusia Guttifera Standard 25gal (Regular \$275.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$247.50	3	0	\$742.50
06543	Radermachera - Dwarf Tree Jasmine 25 gal - Standard (Regular \$250.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$225.00	1	0	\$225.00
00449	Lady Palm 07 gal (Regular \$125.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$112.50	6	0	\$675.00
04993	Ginger, Variegated Crepe 07 gal (Regular \$50.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$45.00	3	0	\$135.00
03362	Croton 'Oakleaf AFD5' 07 gal (Regular \$65.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$58.50	2	0	\$117.00
00363	Areca Palm 07 gal (Regular \$40.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$36.00	6	0	\$216.00
00707	Cordylne 'Auntie Lou' 07 gal (Regular \$50.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$45.00	6	0	\$270.00
00992	Porterweed, Blue Dwarf 03 gal (Regular \$8.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$7.20	10	0	\$72.00
00826	Green Island Ficus 03 gal (Regular \$9.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$8.10	8	0	\$64.80
01086	Wld Coffee, Dwarf 03 gal (Regular \$9.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$8.10	12	0	\$97.20
00999	Purple Queen 01 gal (Regular \$3.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$2.70	74	0	\$199.80
00892	Jasmine, Minima 01 gal (Regular \$4.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$3.60	126	0	\$453.60
00930	Liriope, Green 01 gal (Regular \$4.00/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$3.60	31	0	\$111.60
05899	Nutricote (R Cote) 14-14-14 50 lb. bag (Regular \$89.97/unit, 10%/unit Discount)	\$80.97	1	0	\$80.97