

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 21, 2016

RE: **44 Spoonbill Way #2 (permit application # T16-7899)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Paradise tree**. A site inspection was done on April 6, 2016 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Paradise (Simarouba glauca)







Diameter: 13"

Location: 50% (root issues with walkway to house, steps, and public sidewalk. Root pruning not an option. Wrong tree, wrong place)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (fair to poor—structure one sided)

Total Average Value = 63%

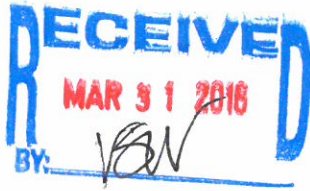
**Value x Diameter = 8 replacement caliper inches**

Applicant has stated a hardship with the replacements due to space.

Recommend he discuss replacements being planted in golf course common areas (work with HOA and management)

**Recommendation: Recommend approval of the removal of one (1) Paradise tree at 44 Spoonbill Way #2 to be replaced with 8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site or on the golf course common area property.**

# Application



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## Tree Permit Application

Date: 3/31/16

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 44 SPOONBILL WAY #2  
Cross/Corner Street Spoonbill/Golf Club Drive  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Paradise 1-Paradise  
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

Other/Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Request Tree is tearing up my porch steps, walkway to my steps, Association fence & common area walkway (roots)

Property Owner Name Carl R. Stevens  
Property Owner eMail Address Carlshomeaddress@yahoo.com  
Property Owner Mailing Address 44 SPOONBILL WAY #2, Key West, FL 33040  
Property Owner Mailing City (Same) State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Phone Number (714) 819-5666  
Property Owner Signature Carl R. Stevens

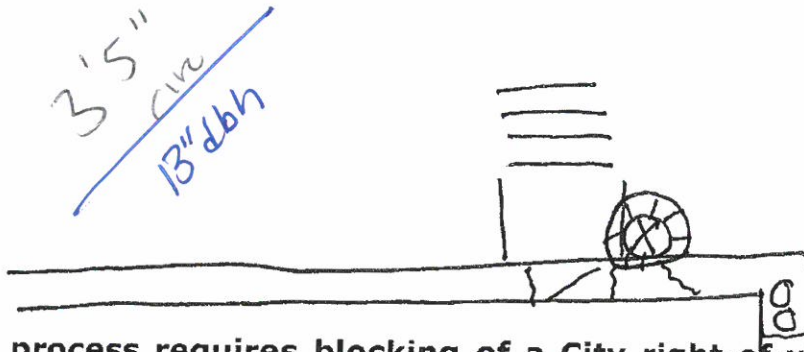
Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mailing City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Pursuant to Key West Municipal Codes, the following Approval Criteria apply to the request for removal of this tree:

**Sec. 110-327. - Approval criteria.**

The tree commission shall consider its finding of one or more of the following facts as grounds supporting approval of a tree removal permit application:

**(1)**

**The tree is a hazard to traffic, public utilities, buildings or structures;**

The tree roots have caused the following hazards to buildings, structures and persons utilizing our property and the adjacent Association walkway:

- 1) The tree's root structure has begun to tear up the wooden front steps leading to my front door causing them to split and subside and a need to have a portion of them rebuilt;
- 2) The roots have forced the concrete apron leading to the front wooden steps up several inches on one side causing the apron slab to be slanted from side to side resulting in an uneven and dangerous angle and step onto the apron from the front, Association walkway and off the apron onto the wooden steps leading to my front door;
- 3) The roots have caused major damage to the adjacent Association walkway, raising portions of the walkway more than 5 inches, causing it to break apart in several places resulting in a dangerous and uneven pedestrian walkway leading to other units. *This area has previously been repaired by grinding and patching to attempt to resolve this problem but those repairs have failed and the concrete has further displaced, cracked and broken apart.* The Association has determined that this is a dangerous condition and intends to remove and replace the concrete walkway after the tree and tree roots are removed;
- 4) The roots continue to break apart the pedestrian walkway over and around water supply lines, control and gages to my unit and the unit next door threatening to damage these utilities and causing a serious trip hazard requiring the Association sidewalk area above them to be removed and replaced;
- 5) The tree, which has grown much too large for my very small front yard area and caused damage to the Association fence and entrance gate in the front of the house running along the Association walkway requiring that it be replaced/repared, and
- 6) The tree roots also run above ground on one half of my small front yard, which is *the only access to my back yard*, causing a dangerous trip hazard and preventing me from landscaping that side of my front yard or putting in a secure walkway to my rear yard.

**(3)**

**The tree prevents access to a lot or parcel;**

- 1) The tree is so large in my small front yard that it is impossible to get the Waste Management trash cans past the tree to put them in the back yard or the location required by the

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Association to keep the cans; the dangerous root structure in that area prevents safe pedestrian passage to the rear yard of my home.

Additional information:

I live in an attached home with a very small front (and rear) yard that has virtually no room to plant large trees (likely against Association rules anyway) or numerous small trees as replacement trees.

The payments described in Key West Municipal Codes Sec. 110-327 would cause a severe hardship on the applicant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl R. Stevens and Duffy L. Lucas,

Owners

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Carl <carlshomeaddress@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria; Jo Bennett  
**Cc:** Duffy Lucas; Carl Stevens  
**Subject:** 44 Spoonbill # 2 1 of 3  
**Attachments:** Stevens.44 Spoonbill2.pdf; Addendum.docx

Karen:

Attached is my application for the removal of the tree in my front yard at the golf course. I am not sure the species of tree (paradise tree?) so I left that blank.

Let em know if you need anything else from me.  
For the hearing in April.

**Thank You!**  
**Carl R. Stevens**  
**(714) 814 5666**







