

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 28, 2016 (updated July 26, 2016)

RE: **1319 Olivia Street (permit application # T16-8050)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo and (1) Sapodilla tree**. On July 12, 2016 approval was given to remove the Gumbo Limbo tree. The Tree Commission postponed a decision on the Sapodilla tree pending additional information from neighboring residences.

A site inspection was done on June 15, 2016 and documented the following:

Sapodilla



Gumbo Limbo-T16-8001  
removal approved

Gumbo Limbo tree  
removed-insect  
damage (T15-7509)



Tree Species: Sapodilla (Manilkara zapote)















Diameter: 29.9"

Location: 70%

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (fair, old cuts, appears to be in good to fair health, needs a proper trim of entire canopy)

Total Average Value = 80%

**Value x Diameter = 23.9 replacement caliper inches**

**Recommend DENIAL of removal of Sapodilla tree (Sec 328.1-species and size of tree make it a unique specimen).**

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 12:38 PM  
**To:** 'Robert Wood'  
**Subject:** RE: Sapodilla tree at 1319 Olivia St./File# T16-8001/

Bob:

I have forwarded your e-mail to the Commissioners.

Please send written letters and any additional info including pictures to me. I will upload them into the file. Please note that the new file number for the Sapodilla tree is T16-8050.

In order for this to be heard at the August 9 Tree Commission meeting, I need all the information by July 26.

In order for this to be heard at the September 13 Tree Commission meeting I need all the information by August 30.

Sincerely,

Karen

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**From:** Robert Wood [mailto:bob.wood63@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 9:34 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Subject:** Sapodilla tree at 1319 Olivia St./File# T16-8001/

Karen and Vicky,

If you would please pass this along to the Tree commission members on my behalf.

I would like to extend an invitation to any commissioners that wish to see the tree in question from last night's meeting, to come to my home and view the tree from my back yard. Last night one of the commissioners mentioned viewing this tree, and with Mr. Bready out of town currently, I am more than happy to allow access to my property which gives a very good vantage point to view the tree in its entirety.

Also, I would like to know where I should send the written requests from the neighbors? Do I bring them to you two?

Thanks in advance,

Bob Wood  
1317 Olivia Street

July 13, 2016

M. Barbara Sowers, M.D.  
826 Florida St.  
Key West, FL. 33040

Key West Tree Commission  
Attn: Mr. Jackson

Dear Mr. Jackson and Tree Commission members,

For a number of years there has been a great deal of concern regarding the size and ever spreading canopy of the Sapodilla tree in Dan Bready's yard. Dan has been a very good steward of the growth and maintenance of all aspects of his yard since purchasing the property from Paul Tripp several years ago. More recently however it is urgent as the tree in question presents an obvious threat to adjacent properties as well as Mr Bready's property.

My home was purchased in 1983. At the time there was not much in the way of growth but over the years much was added by Mr Tripp so that there is a great deal of crowding on the property in question. The Sapodilla tree impacts me because the lack of sun has forced it to grow tremendously toward my house. If you were to view it from my perspective, I think you would agree and be amazed. I believe that due to the crowding, the tree presents an eminent danger and I respectfully request that it be removed. You are certainly welcome to view it from my yard at any time.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and your continued concern for Key West.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Barbara Sowers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first initial "M." being particularly prominent.

M. Barbara Sowers



July 14, 2016

City of Key West Tree Commission

Attn: Mr. Jackson

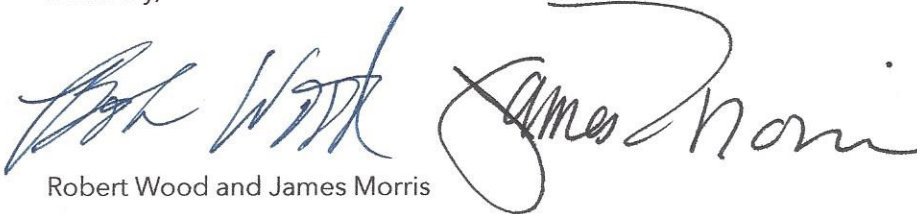
Dear Mr. Jackson and Tree Commission Members,

The Sapodilla tree in Mr. Bready's yard has become a big concern for us and our neighbors, as it has grown to the point it now threatens all our properties. This tree lunges away from Mr. Bready's property, leaning out over our property and the properties of our fellow neighbors here in the Meadows. It is a difficult tree to trim. We have had it trimmed in the past, but it could not be trimmed to the point it did not pose a threat to the safety of our home and surrounding property. In addition, this tree has a propensity to attract rats and there is no way to remove that threat without removal of the tree. We have young children living in the home behind us, and the liability of this tree and it's health concerns from the rats should not be ignored.

We welcome commission members to view this tree from our property, so that you may see first hand the reasons for our concerns, and the need for your support in this tree's removal.

Thank you for the public service you provide to Key West, and your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Bob Wood' and the second, on the right, is 'James Morris'. Below the signatures is a printed line of text identifying the signatories.

Robert Wood and James Morris

July 18, 2016

City of Key West Tree Commission

Attn: Mr. Jackson

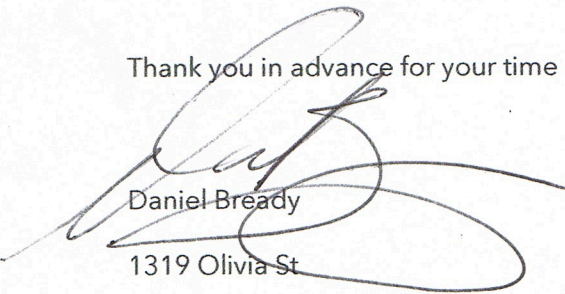
Dear Mr. Jackson and Tree Commission Members,

As the owner of 1319 Olivia St, I am requesting your approval of the removal of the dangerous Sapodilla Tree on my property. I have been in this home for over 5 years and find this tree to be a hazard to me and my neighbors, and our properties. I have also been a resident and property owner in Key west since 2001.

However, this tree has grown disproportionately with the surrounding area, nearby structures and trees. This particular tree has also grown with a slant towards my neighbors property's. Multiple branches have fallen onto my home and caused damage. The tree attracts rats and they can be seen frolicking along the fence line and back up into the tree on a minute by minute basis.

The property here at 1319 is a double lot and was planted with an over abundance of trees and plants, thus the overcrowding. While I am a huge supporter of keeping Key west green, I do not support the idea of this tree threatening our personal safety and our property's buildings.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,



Daniel Bready

1319 Olivia St

Key west, Florida

33040



WILLIAM KERR  
12301 KERNAN FOREST BLVD., APT 2706  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32225  
(305-395-8512)

July 16, 2016

City of Key West  
Attention: Tree Commission  
P. O. Box 1409  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Tree Commission

Dan Bready has a very large Sapodilla that affects not only his property but the three (3) properties surrounding it. We hope that the Tree Commission will approve the removal of this tree since it poses a health risk with the rats and roaches it harbors. Every time we have a Hurricane or strong winds I cringe knowing that some of the branches are going to destroy my shed as well as damage to a portion of the back of the house.

The ripe fruit on the tree falls and splatters on the patio shed and against the house I worry that someone will slip and get hurt. Fruit that is not ripe is very hard again eventually someone is going to get hurt.

What about Mr. Bready rights as the owner of this property he pays taxes, maintains, insures and cleans?

Do the right thing approve removal of the Sapodilla Tree.

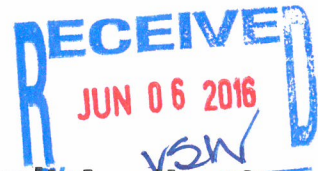
Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Kerr". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

William Kerr

# Application





Tree Permit Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address

Cross/Corner Street

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity  
Species Type(s) check all that apply

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

Gumbo CRACKING POOL  
DILLY TO LARGE A TREE VERY OLD ATTRACTING  
RATS

Property Owner Name

Property Owner eMail Address

Property Owner Mailing Address

Property Owner Mailing City

Property Owner Phone Number

Property Owner Signature

DANIEL BREADY  
D.BREADY@AOL.COM  
1319 OLIVIA ST.  
KEY WEST State FLA Zip 33040  
(202) 281-5050

Representative Name

Representative eMail Address

Representative Mailing Address

Representative Mailing City

Representative Phone Number

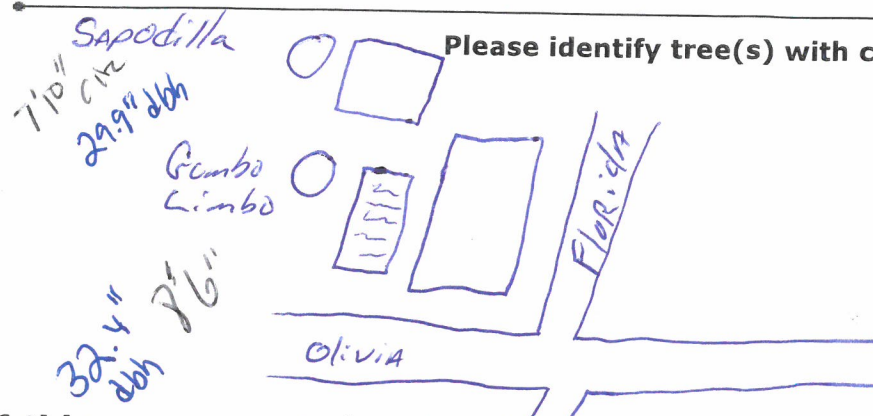
TREE MAN SEAN CREEDON  
10 ROOSEVELT ST.  
B.G. PINE KEY State FLA Zip 33043  
(201) 317-7751

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 >>>>>

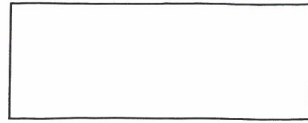
Please identify tree(s) with colored tape



7-12-16 approval  
given to remove gumbo  
limbo. Removal of  
Sapodilla postponed for  
additional written info  
from neighbors - KD

8001  
8050

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

Date: MAY 18, 2016

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 1319 OLIVIA ST KEYWEST FL  
33040

Property Owner Name DANIEL BREADY  
Property Owner eMail Address DBREADY@AOL.COM  
Property Owner Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Mailing City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Phone Number (202) 281-5050  
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name TREEMAN SEAN CREEDON  
Representative eMail Address KEYSTREEMAN@gmail.com  
Representative Mailing Address 10 ROOSEVELT ST.  
Representative Mailing City BIG PINE KEY State FLA Zip 33043  
Representative Phone Number (305) 900-8448 201-317-7751

I DANIEL BREADY, 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 is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 20<sup>th</sup> day May 2016.

By (Print name of Affiant) Daniel Bready who is personally known to me or has produced WASH, D.C. DC as identification and who did take an oath.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Eileen Quinn Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Eileen Quinn

My Commission Expires: 4/26/2018





