

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2017

RE: Administrative Hearing, 618 Freeschool Lane

An application was submitted to construct a pool at 618 Freeschool Lane. The application was placed into the simultaneous plan review process. While reviewing the plans it was realized that the pool was being built in an area that was previously identified as a vegetated solution hole by the Urban Forester. A site inspection was done to gather additional information as to whether the hole was a unique environmental feature.

On December 8, 2016, a site inspection was done. The hole was already dug thus removing the solution hole. The work also exposed the root balls of 4 palm trees.

Conversation with the contractor, Bradly Gendron, indicated he was the person responsible for the hole having been dug.





The site inspection also documented fill and construction debris piled up against and on the rootballs of several trees and palms.





Contractor washing out construction materials in the protected root zone of a sapodilla tree.



On January 23 2017, a site inspection was done that showed debris had been cleared away from around the root balls of the palms trees and an attempt had been made to manage the site properly.







Remedy for this hearing: The palms around the hole must be shored up (soil and bracing).

The digging of the hole and removal of the solution hole is not addressed at this time. Additional research of City code is needed.

The construction debris issue has not been cited at this time. It is hoped that the contractor will complete the debris removal.

There is an additional issue of improper maintenance trimming done to the sapodilla tree in front of the property that will be addressed at the next Tree Commission meeting. Information is still being gathered as to who actually did the improper trimming work.

Below are photos of the palms directly impacted by the digging of the hole.



Double thatch palm—smaller trunk appears to be dead (run over?).



Unknown palm (regulated?)



Alexander Palm and Royal Palm



Below are two photos of the solution hole area that were in the file from 2015
(palm removal requests)



