

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 26, 2018

RE: **1319 Duval Street (permit application # T2018-0099)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Royal Poinciana tree**. Additional information was requested including asking for the removal of the philodendron vine from the tree trunk. Below are photos from a recent inspection of the tree:





12/19/2018



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NOTE: Below are the values stated in the original staff report with additional comments based on the recent inspection.

Diameter: 29.9"

Location: 50% (canopy has utility lines going through it, tree growing on filled lot with side of root system held by failing concrete block wall). **Root system appears to be strong on opposite side of tree. Are there issues with neighboring property?**

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair-no evidence at time of inspection of termite issues. Main trunk covered with philodendron vines-hard to accurately evaluate trunk health. Fresh trim cuts look clean and healthy, some decay and dead branches in canopy-looks very typical of large Royal Poinciana trees in town.) **Tree appears to be in fair health. No extensive decay observed in branch junctions. No obvious outward evidence of termites.**

Total Average Value = 70%

Value x Diameter = 20.9 replacement caliper inches

Additional information has been requested from the applicant including impacts to neighboring property/wall and is there an arborist report regarding the health of the canopy.

Karen DeMaria

From: Matthew Babich <mpbabich@southernmostresorts.com>
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Karen DeMaria; Emanuel Gonzalez
Cc: pearsontree@aol.com; Isaac Swanson; Andy Davidson
Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

Has the Avalon House had issues with this tree? Yes Avalon house has issues with this tree and they remind me they would like this tree removed.

Do they support the removal? Yes Avalon house supports removal of the tree.

Are there plans to repair the wall? Yes when tree is removed.

Yvonne at Avalon house is manager and owner is Tim Ryan.



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From: Karen DeMaria [<mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 3:00 PM
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Cc: pearsontree@aol.com
Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

Matt:

I did notice both of those. Are there plans to repair the wall? Has the Avalon House had issues with this tree? Do they support the removal?

The application stated that the tree was hollow—any photos showing that? Most large Royal Poinciana trees are hollow. Is there a lot of decay elsewhere? What about termites?

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Matthew Babich <mpbabich@southernmostresorts.com>
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Cc: pearsontree@aol.com
Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

Jason,

Would like your input here.

Karen,

Key Energy Electric lines going thru the middle of tree and damage to our neighbors block wall at the Avalon house.



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Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

This file will be heard at the January 8 Tree Commission meeting. I have looked at the tree again without the vines but I still do not see a significant reason (visual) to remove the tree. It looks like most Royal Poinciana trees in town. Do you have any additional information to provide? Does Pearson Tree Service have any additional information? I will need this information by January 4 so I can upload onto the agenda for the commissioners to review.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 1:31 PM
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Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

Since no one was in attendance at the Tree Commission meeting last night, your application to remove the Royal Poinciana tree was postponed to the January 8 Tree Commission meeting. Please let me know when I can re inspect the tree and please supply the requested additional information.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Matthew Babich <mpbabich@southernmostresorts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:21 PM
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Subject: RE: Tree Removal request-1319 Duval St

I instructed our on-site landscape personnel to remove the vine.