

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Viva Saloon <management@patagonia-ventures.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Fw: 903 Duval Viva Saloon missing tree  
**Attachments:** 903 Duval Vivia RP.pdf

Dear Karen,

As you have mentioned, that young Royal Ponciana is not at Viva Saloon courtyard anymore, since the end of November 2019. The only reason why we have removed the tree is because we had found it broken and we tried to save it. The tree was young and weak because it was planted under big trees and it was growing slowly and really thin. One day, when we came to open the restaurant, we (myself, our bartender Gemma Fleming and our maintenance person Robert Bursley) have found the tree had snapped almost at the base laying over, because of the strong winds that we had on those days.

After finding that, Robert Bursley took the tree immediately to re-plant it and save it. We do not have any picture of it or mayor evidence of it.

Best regards,  
Alfredo

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**From:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** Viva Saloon <management@patagonia-ventures.com>  
**Subject:** 903 Duval Viva Saloon missing tree

Alfredo:

I received a complaint regarding a missing Royal Poinciana tree in the courtyard at Viva Saloon. Royal Poinciana trees are a protected tree species and removal or transplanting of the tree requires a permit from the Tree Commission. There is currently no permit or documentation on file regarding the removal of this tree.

A subsequent inspection on February 14, 2020 documented that a young Royal Ponciana tree was missing from the courtyard area. Can you please explain what happened to the tree? Why was the tree removed? Please provide documentation as to when it was removed, who removed it and why. Documentation should include photos of the tree, signed affidavits, and or receipts. This information will be presented to the Tree Commission for their review and discussion at the April 14 Tree Commission meeting. Please submit any additional information including the requested documentation by March 25 otherwise, enforcement proceedings might be initiated.

Sincerely,

Karen

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