

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Historic or Specimen Tree Designation/De-designation-1265 South Ocean Boulevard,
1285 South Ocean Boulevard, and 60 Blossom Way
Resolution No. 100-2023

DATE: August 17, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff requests that Town Council approve Resolution No. 100-2023 the designation of Historic/Specimen trees as described below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are 121 trees on the island that have been designated as Historic/Specimen trees. These trees are inspected annually by the Town Arborist. During the inspection, the trees are evaluated to determine if they are of suitable quality and condition to remain as a Historic/Specimen tree, an inspection report is provided to the owner. The Town Ordinance allows for relocation of trees and adding trees that are deemed to be of Historic/Specimen quality.

During the February 13, 2018, Town Council Meeting, Council approved the property owner of 1265 South Ocean Boulevard, to delay in replacing eight (8) damaged Hurricane Irma Historic/Specimen trees until construction is completed and an operational irrigation system is in place. Because the damaged trees are older and near the end of their life cycle, the property owner and landscape architect has pledged to find replacement trees of significantly higher quality and better longevity. The Garden Club of Palm Beach, Town staff, and the Town's Arborist agree with this request.

The previously approved list is below and provided as back-up.

1265 South Ocean Blvd

This address is a combination of multiple properties that were previously the Blossom Way Estate. All seventeen (17) of the Historic/Specimen trees on the properties will be recorded to 1265 South Ocean Boulevard property and/or re-recorded if another address is to be provided once the property is occupied.

Damaged Tree – Ice Cream Bean Tree	Replacement – Ice Cream Bean Tree
Damaged Tree – Black Calabash	Replacement – Black Calabash
Damaged Tree – Monkey Flower	Replacement – Monkey Flower
Damaged Tree – Rose of Venezuela	Replacement – Rose of Venezuela
Damaged Tree – Spring Orchid	Replacement – Spring Orchid

Damaged Tree – Buford Holly

Replacement – Buford Holly

Damaged Tree – Tropical Crepe Myrtle

Replacement – Tropical Crepe Myrtle

Damaged Tree – Elephant Apple

Replacement – Elephant Apple

Since this approval the property and scope of residential dwelling has grown. The property owner has requested three (3) additional Historic/Specimen trees be added to the existing replacement agreement, they are as follows:

Historic/Specimen Tree #64 - Lignum Vitae

Historic/Specimen Tree #66 - Pink Tabebuia

Historic/Specimen Tree #73 – Yellow Poinciana

Tree #64 – This tree would be removed and de-designated due to its continued decline in health and poor quality to be replaced with a much larger Lignum Vitae. This replacement would be designated as part of the Historic/Specimen program at a later date, similar to the Ice Cream Bean tree already approved above.

Tree #66 – This tree would be relocated to the western property line. It will have the protection of the house, will feature prominently on the entire garden, and will be visible from South Ocean Blvd adding to the vista of the road, just like the Yellow Cassia tree #76 located on 70 Blossom Way.

Tree #73 – This tree would be removed and de-designated due to its continued decline in health and poor quality to be replaced with a better Yellow Poinciana specimen tree which currently resides on their 1285 South Ocean Boulevard property. In addition to the above designation/de-designation, the property owner would like to relocate the tree from the 1285 property and add it to their 60 Blossom Way property. This tree will be designated as part of the Historic/Specimen program at a later date.

The Garden Club of Palm Beach, Landscape Architect, Town Staff, and Town Arborist, have reviewed the above listed trees, proposed new location(s). Staff recommends that Council approve this request.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no impact to the budget unless the property owners participate in the Voluntary Maintenance Program which includes a fee as described in the Town Ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.

cc: Jason Debrincat, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Paul Colby, Facilities Maintenance Division Manager
Christine Aylward, President, Garden Club of Palm Beach
Richard Maxwell, Town Arborist