

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: February 9, 2021

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 at Various Town Locations
Resolution No. 020-2021

DATE: January 20, 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff requests that Town Council approve Resolution No. 020-2021 and the designation/de-designation assignment of a Historic and Specimen trees as described below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are one hundred-six (106) trees on the island that have been designated as historic or specimen trees. These trees are inspected annually by the Town arborist. The Town ordinance allows for relocation of trees and adding trees that are deemed to be of specimen quality.

The Town has completed the annual survey of the condition of the one hundred-six (106) designated Historic and Specimen trees as required by Section 126-59 of the Town's Code of Ordinances. During the inspection, the trees are evaluated to determine if they are of suitable quality and condition to remain as historic or specimen trees and an inspection report is provided to the owner.

In the course of that inspection, the Town's Arborist found tree number 68 a Green buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*) at 501 North Lake Way to be in poor condition, structurally compromised, and no longer of specimen quality. Additionally, de-designation was also requested by property manager on behalf of the owner. It is his opinion that this tree be removed from the list of the Town's historic/specimen trees.

The Town Arborist also recommended that the following three (3) trees be added to the Town's list. Subject to Town Council approval, these newly designated trees will be recorded with the Palm Beach County Clerk's office.

1. Live Oak (*Quercus Virginiana*) tree located in Pans Garden.
2. Lancepod Tree (*Lonchocarpus violaceus*) located on Town property in Crescent Park.
3. Rusty Ficus (*Ficus Rubiginosa*) located on Town Property at Miraflores and North Lake Way.

With these modifications to the Historic and Specimen program, the number of trees will increase from 106 to 108.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The Town Attorney has reviewed this Resolution and approved it for legal form and sufficiency.

cc: Paul Colby, Facilities Maintenance Division Manager
Mary Pressly, President, Garden Club of Palm Beach
Richard Maxwell, Town Arborist