

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: July 9, 2024

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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 De-Designation - 304 Maddock Way  
**Resolution No. 070-2024**

DATE: June 14, 2024

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff requests that Town Council approve Resolution No. 070-2024 the de-designation of Historic/Specimen tree 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 the adding of trees that are deemed to be of Historic/Specimen quality.

On April 16, 2024, Town staff met on-site with Livingston Builders at 304 Maddock Way regarding new seawall construction and its new approved elevation. Due to this elevation change, ARCOM approved the relocation of a Historic or Specimen Green Buttonwood tree (tree # 71).

During this meeting, the Town's Arborist concluded that due to canopy size, orientation, and trimming needs, relocating the tree would likely be fatal. Town staff consulted the Garden Club of Palm Beach and all parties agreed on de-designation and removal.

Livingston Builders, understanding the Historic/Specimen tree ordinance, proposes replacing tree #71 with two (2) like Green Buttonwood trees. They've provided photos of the replacements, approved by the Garden Club of Palm Beach and the Town's Arborist. The exact placement and designation are pending.

Staff recommends that the Council approve this request.

## **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT:**

There would be no impact on 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.

### Attachments

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  
Joanne M. O'Connor, Town Attorney