



Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

Village Commission Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

Subject: Australian Pines on Griffing Blvd.

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Background

On Thursday, May 19th, I met with David Cardenas from Miami-Dade County regarding the trees along Griffing Blvd. I had a call from one resident who was concerned with a tree on the south end, and I wanted to know what were his plans for trimming ahead of the upcoming hurricane season. Below is his response following his assessment:

As discussed, prior to our meeting, Mr. Steve Duncan and myself (Certified Arborist), conducted a basic level 2 risk assessment inspection (360 degree walk-around, visual inspection of the trunk and canopy) of the Australian Pine trees (Casuarina spp.) located within the median along Griffing BLVD.

As a result of the assessment, it was determined that three (3) senescent Australian Pine trees adjacent to 11660 have defects which include, active basal decay in the trunks and as well as active decay in the crown that cannot be practically treated and therefore, create an elevated level of risk for future failure. Due to their current condition, these trees warrant removal as soon as possible.

In addition, the remaining Australian Pines within the corridor were also assessed and as a result, trimming to remove deadwood greater than 2" diameter will be scheduled within the next 30 days.

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Please note, this location will be placed on the list for future tree replacements as part of the County's Roadway Beautification Program.

Thank you and I look forward to continuing to work with the village in maintaining a safe and beautiful community.

*David Cardenas, Chief
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Along with the formal announcement of the County's plans to remove these three trees at this meeting, notification in writing will be provided to the residents along Griffing Blvd. that will be affected by the activity involved. Once the confirmed date for removal is scheduled, I will advise accordingly. As these trees are along Griffing Blvd, a road maintained by Miami-Dade County, there is no cost to the Village for removal or trimming.

