

Karen DeMaria

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Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: Tree Commission Agenda Item 12

Dear Ms. DeMaria,

I would like to comment on the application for tree removal at 3521 Eagle Avenue, but the ecomment link was not available last night and this morning.

I am in favor of granting permission to remove this tree. I live across the street at 3524 Eagle Ave., and have lived in this house since 1983. The Gumbo Limbo tree at issue popped up, uninvited, several years ago, when Matthew Jampol owned the house. It appeared right next to a bougainvillea bush that was in that corner of the property. Matt never really wanted it there, but had other concerns at the time, and was trying to sell the house. My wife and I helped him out on a few occasions by cleaning his yard. I remember commenting to him that it should be cut out when it had just sprouted up, because it was way too close to the cement wall. Several unwanted Gumbo Limbo trees have appeared in a similar manner in my own yard - next to a hibiscus, intertwined in our beautyberry, in our jasmine hedge, and in our locust berry. Every couple months, I snip these at ground level, but they persist. I don't dislike Gumbo Limbo trees, but they often pop up in unwanted places. Please include my recommendation to remove this tree in the record of the meeting. The owners of this house are not "anti-tree," and have many other trees, plants, and shrubs on the property. I happened to notice the item on the agenda; the owners have not asked me to comment. Please contact me at this email or the phone number below if you need any more information. Thank you for your work on behalf of the trees of Key West.

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