

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:56 PM
To: Misha D. McRAE
Cc: Eric Nordback
Subject: FW: tree removal request 620 Thomas ST #172
Attachments: 620 Thomas St ^N172-Gumbo LimboTree.pdf; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 1.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 2.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 3.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 4.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 5.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 6.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 7.jpg; 620 Thomas St ^N172-tree 8.jpg

All:

Last night at the Tree Commission meeting, our attorney, Eric Nordback, mentioned that we had a request to rehear the application to remove the Gumbo Limbo tree at 620 Thomas St #172. The Tree Commission denied the request at the May 2023 meeting. The property owner has since removed several boards, took photos, and had an arborist look at the situation (see attached). Instead of waiting until the denial expires in November, he is asking to be heard sooner. To have the application reheard requires a resolution supported by a Tree Commissioner. This is the same procedure we did with the 12 Hilton Haven Dr application regarding the removal of the strangler Fig tree.

Please let me know by July 28, 2023, if you would like to support the resolution so I can place the resolution on the agenda for a vote at the August 2023 Tree Commission meeting agenda. If the resolution passes, then the application will be reheard at the September Tree Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 305-809-3768 or Eric at 305-809-3777.

Sincerely,

Karen

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Karen,

Thank you for the update. Would you please speak with legal to see if this can be put on the agenda sooner than November 13, 2023? The additional information provided, along with the opinion of a 40 year certified arborist that corroborates the need for removal, will hopefully be sufficient to move forward. Having done this 20 plus years ago with another invasive tree I understand the need for due diligence and hope we can get this removed before more damage is done to the A/C condenser and to deck itself and the footings.

Kind Regards,

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Mike <mike@caronkeywest.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: tree removal request

Mike,

I have received your email with attachments. City code section 110-322 states that if the application for a tree removal permit is disapproved, the applicant may modify and resubmit the application only after six (6) months from the date of the denial. Therefore, we would be looking at putting this on the November 13, 2023 Tree Commission agenda.

I would need to speak with legal as to whether this could be placed on an agenda sooner. Sometimes, files can be put on an earlier agenda if significant, additional, information is provided. I know the root issues was discussed at the Tree Commission meeting but I do not know if the discussion and this additional information would allow for this to be placed on an earlier agenda. I will try to chat with legal next week to figure out how to move forward with this file.

Sincerely,

Karen

From: Mike <mike@caronkeywest.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 4:30 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: tree removal request

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Hi Karen,

After we spoke last month I mentioned that I would wait for my neighbor to get back down here to analyze the situation on the back deck and air conditioner. I had several boards pulled up from the deck to get a better look at the situation and took several pictures (copies attached). I also asked my neighbor, Steve Pascovitch, an ISA (40 years) certified Arborist to examine the tree and provide you with his observations (his letter is attached as well).

I hope that the above information will be sufficient to remove the tree and, as I mentioned, I'm fully aware of my responsibilities to the Tree Commission as to replacement/donation as I have been through this before 20 years ago. Please let me know if there's anything else you need.

Kind Regards,

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:22 PM
To: mike@caronkeywest.com; dotpalm@comcast.net
Subject: tree removal request

Attached is a copy of the meeting notice letter. A hard copy is being sent to you.

Sincerely,

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