Karen DeMaria

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Subject: FW: Written Comments Tree Commission Meeting 3/14/2017

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Subject: Written Comments Tree Commission Meeting 3/14/2017

Dear Karen,

Please find my written comments to be submitted to the files for the 3/14/2017 Tree Commission Meeting.

Old Business

#3) I am pleased to hear that both parties/neighbors have agreed to work out their differences regarding the Royal Poinciana tree located at 919 White Street.

As I stated at the January 10th, 2017 Tree Commission Meeting -"My sympathies lie with the owner, it's the owner's tree. I believe the decision should lie with the owner of the tree."

New Business

#4) I would like to see this African Tulip tree properly pruned and maintained in hope of saving it.

#5) Regarding the (3) "young" Royal Poinciana trees- I would like to see tree #2 saved.

Any loss of a Royal Poinciana is of concern to me.

- With the removal of trees #1 and #3, it will allow #2 tree to thrive.

6#) Regarding "the protected " Gumbo Limbo and Mahogany trees- it would be my preference to see the healthy trees replanted somewhere else on the property.

#7) The Silver Buttonwood is a "protected" tree. I oppose the removal.

-Just because it is not "pretty" is not a good enough reason to remove it.

If permission is granted to remove the (2) trees- I encourage the Tree Commission to demand (2) new silver buttonwoods to be planted in their place.

#8) The Black Olive tree on the agenda is in "good" condition.

- I oppose the removal.

#9) The Strangler Fig tree is a "protected" tree.

- I oppose the removal.

#10) I strongly oppose the removal of any healthy/ in "good condition" Royal Poinciana, Gumbo Limbo, Strangler Fig and Avocado trees on this property.

#11) Regarding the "damaged" paradise tree on the property of St. Paul's Church - I would prefer to see a pruning/repair attempt made first before granting approval for removal.

#12) I strongly oppose the removal of the (2) "protected" Spanish Lime Trees at 336 Duval Street.

#13) I strongly oppose the removal of the "protected" Sapodilla tree.

#14) I strongly oppose the removal of the "protected" and in "good condition" Gumbo Limbo tree.

- Proper pruning is encouraged not removal.

#15) Regarding the "Purchasing of Trees"

Question - How many young Royal Poinciana trees are going to be purchased by the City of Key West?

- In my opinion when the Key West Tree Commission grants approval for a "Protected/Heritage " tree to be removed the City should force the property owner to replace the exact same tree. If not on their property then somewhere else on the island.

It's all about "responsible" planting.

- This new bill/ guideline will ensure the future survival of our trees of historical importance.

Administrative Hearings

#16) I recommend the maximum fine for the tree abuse of the protected Mahogany tree.

#17) I recommend the maximum fine for the tree abuse of the protected Spanish Lime and Royal Poinciana trees.

#18) I recommend the maximum fine for the tree abuse of the Frangipani tree.

Respectfully,

Karen Ludwig-O'Leary

Sent from my iPhone