

December 1, 2017

City of Ft Pierce Planning Department  
re: Conditional use for short-term dwelling in zone R3

Address: 808 Atlantic Av, Ft Pierce FL 34950

This property is located in the Sample Oaks Historic District on a quiet residential block. Painstakingly restored and beautifully landscaped, this mid-century 2 bedroom home offers a unique glimpse into Old Florida. Hardwood floors, original tile bath, and meticulously recreated period kitchen cabinets contribute to this very special experience of a Florida long past.

Antique furnishings, a small library, window bench, and fireplace offer retirees, artists, writers, and spiritual seekers a welcome retreat, as well as a charming alternative for visiting scholars and employees.

Given the daunting effort required in the reclamation of a derelict property, it is clear that the intention is to attract renters with a sincere appreciation of the arts and of Ft Pierce history. The house is limited to a maximum of 4 occupants, but in most cases, 2 are the norm. There is ample street parking, but also an attached garage and driveway in the rear.

The property abuts an alley which is shared by a commercial enterprise, with residential properties on either side (one of which we own and are also applying for conditional use). We reside in a third house adjacent to the properties, and are available to the renters and residents alike at all times.

An added bonus is our location in the Peacock Arts District, whose development would be accelerated by the presence of our guests, who would be inclined to support the envisioned galleries, cafes, and performance arts.

As professional members of the arts community ourselves, we have a very personal interest in the revitalization of the area west of US1.

The permitting of this property will allow the opportunity to further enhance the development of the community and the arts district and draw attention to the extraordinary historic fabric of the town of Ft Pierce.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration!

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