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To: Stuart Heritage Foundation

Re: 513, 517, 521 SW Ocean Blvd.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to see if your organization, or anyone you are associated with is interested in moving an old house or two at the above referenced property. I am contemplating demolishing these buildings for the purpose of building (2) 4 unit townhouses on this site.

513 W. Ocean has owned me for approximately 25 years. It's a 4 unit, 2 story, wood frame, stucco building. Unfortunately, while the building is still habitable, I don't believe it is moveable. The termites in this neighborhood are a force of nature that defy all human efforts to contain them. I have tented this building at least 6 times over the years but the relatives of the termites I've killed want vengeance and continue to take up where their loved ones left off, leaving trails of droppings and shredded wood framing members. The building reminds me of an old Michigan car, thanks to the bondo, it doesn't look too bad, but the frame is rusted thru in a few places. I wouldn't drive it on the highway.

517 W. Ocean has been in the family for about 12 years. Susan, the lady who lived there, swore the termites chewing kept her awake at night but if they ever quit holding hands the building would collapse. We gave the old house a face lift, and even bought her a new dress, but she's still 90 years old and ready to leave the assisted living home and go to a nursing home.

Truthfully, this house could be saved if someone was willing to move it and spend a small fortune on it. I talked to Brownie House Movers about the possibility of moving it by barge down Frazier Creek, but they felt the creek is too narrow and crossing US1 too expensive.

We recently purchased 521 W. Ocean knowing that it too is probably beyond the nursing home and ready for hospice to be called in. It has been basically vacant for over 25 years. This house is wood frame with wood siding. The termites love it. It's riddled with termites. The wood furniture inside the house is riddled with termites. It hasn't been tented in at least 25 years, if ever, with only minimum maintenance over that same period. The interior of the house was changed from its original form to 3 apartments at some point. This house is larger than 517 making moving it impractical.

If Stuart Heritage Foundation has any interest in any of these buildings please contact me, Gary Hufnagel at 772 260-9618. I am in the process of getting necessary permits to move forward with this project, and would like to hear from anyone interested in acquiring one or all of these buildings.

Thank you for your consideration,

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