

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2022

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

GREG JACOBS (DELEGATION REQUEST – ITEM #79)

Petición

¡A la Oficina de Comisionados de Broward para rescindir el Artículo 59s La siguiente petición de los ciudadanos a la Oficina de Comisionados de Broward para derogar el acuerdo desigual con Trinity Broadcasting Networks of Florida y adoptar un Nuevo Acuerdo que brinde un alivio adecuado a los residentes desplazados por la Iglesia!

Petition

To the Broward Commissioners Office to rescind Item 59s The Following Citizens Petition to the Broward Commissioners Office to Repeal the lopsided agreement with Trinity Broadcasting Networks of Florida and adopt a New Agreement that provides adequate relief to the residents displaced by the Church!

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Hello, Greg Jacobs 3300 Pembroke Rd, 33021

I am a psychologist and editor working and residing at Lakeside Park Estates in Pembroke Park.

Today I must draw your attention to problems with the agreement between Trinity Broadcasting Networks and the Broward Commission. Item 59 originally promised an investigation and then an agreement that would provide appropriate relief to the residents, we got neither.

The park is still unlawfully registered as an RV park when under Florida law it is a Mobile home park.

All amenities are not available, the community center is not open. The recent closing of the west pool has resulted in the only disability access point for tenants' mailboxes, laundry, and restrooms being denied. This is an ADA violation.

No one received relocation counseling from the Urban Group. They were only used to convey TBN's manipulative rent incentive offer in May.

TBN refuses to be present and accounted for in my HUD investigation. A matter that has been going on well over a year. I was terrorized 24/7 for months on end by the former manager and maintenance man, both psychotic criminals, Nancy and Jason Cole Ellis, who also decimated the wildlife in our sanctuary, made homicidal attempts and threats against myself and other residents. On top of the harassment and intimidation, they even poisoning Mary's pet cat Buddy. TBN is now actively shielding them from criminal charges of grand larceny and participation in hate crimes. It is my understanding that there is also another HUD investigation brought on by the current management team.

Construction and loud noise starts at 8:00 am, goes on late at night, and on Saturdays, not per your agreement, which states it is to only take place during regular business hours 9-5 Monday through Friday. One worker for Sun Eagle Construction threatened me with physical violence. More problematic, I had to argue with the BSO officer to write the report for aggravated assault, and violating my right to privacy, for photographing me after threatening me. I am subjected to acute and ongoing incidents of surveillance in violation of my constitutional right to privacy and peaceful occupancy of my domicile.

Current problems on the property are rampant, unaddressed code violations that include but are not limited to live powerlines laying on the ground, uncleaned refuse at various locations which constitute flying debris hazards, trash allowed to accumulate, exposed tie downs and straps are everywhere. The property has generated 45 new code violations in the month of August alone. In TBNs effort to hide over 30 mobile home lots, units were demolished, concrete pads broken up, and removed, leaving unimproved surfaces, all done without permits. Mud is everywhere as a result. Nails and screws from the demolition regularly damage residents' tires. Concrete rubble from demolition is stored on the property in anticipation of dumping it into Lake Trinity when no one is watching.

Unlawful evictions, cases of elder abuse, and animal cruelty have occurred.

TBN is imposing ecological damage to Lake Trinity by shutting off the three large aerator fountains, significantly reducing water quality. We are an over 55 community and we have several seniors aged 65 and above, who report increased symptoms of COPD, bronchitis, asthma, sinusitis, and other respiratory ailments, due to the now brownish-green, moldy water in Lake Trinty which has produced an algae bloom. This is done in violation the EPAs Water Quality Standards effective under the Clean Water Act Item 62-302.500 Surface Waters: part 6. Pose a serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, and subsection 1. Produce conditions so as to create a nuisance, for a class three body of water. TBN even misrepresents the truth about this to the Commission. Commissioner Furr can you explain how the ongoing disgusting condition of Lake Trinity fits in with your protecting our water quality platform?

The restrooms are kept in a disgusting state in the middle of a pandemic. TBN has even gone so far as to Windex the sinks and mirrors in 2 of the six public restrooms, take photographs, falsify cleaning records, and submit them to the Broward Commission as evidence the restrooms are clean on July 29th, and plan to continue submitting false evidence moving forward. Any of the photos submitted by TBN clearly show the disgusting conditions I have documented as well.

Almighty Protection Services 2 llc, the security vendor and current focus of one of the multiple Board of Agriculture investigations, is not securing the property, present only from 5:30 pm until 4:30 am. Guards tell us they let anyone through, and they no longer patrol the, property being restricted to the front gate. The media attention of our mistreatment at Lakeside Park Estates has resulted in non-stop trauma tourism by the public. Homeless persons have been observed living in the vacant trailers. Looting goes on every night. We fear for our safety and effects.

Make no mistake the disgusting conditions of park, dirty restrooms, turning our swimming pools green, damaging the ecology of Lake Trinity, unaddressed code violations, ongoing ADA violation, demolition and noise, unsecured front gate, outwardly rude and harassing statements by management, is all done in a malicious effort discourage us. Coercion, Intimidation, Threats, Interference, False statements to the Broward Commission, the police, and even fabrication of evidence are all crimes in the daily wheelhouse of TBN. You cannot be nice to some people, it's them, they are "some people." I fear the Commission is going to learn this lesson the hard way. This is through no fault of my own I reached out to Adam Katzman on multiple occasions and spoke with him for hours supplying him with several exhibits verifying all my allegations, relating to our concerns about the closing of Lakeside Park Estates and the character of TBN.

There are two open HUD investigations, multiple Board of Agriculture cases, a Florida Fish and Wildlife investigation, and others looking into TBN. Even a brief glance of their 990s reveals glaring financial irregularities for public consumption.

How is it the Broward Commission can reach this agreement with Mike Evertt saying there is nothing to see here? Apparently, the Broward Commission really does not understand the nature of these miscreant millionaires who trample tenants' rights. TBN is known to engage in various forms of religious financial fraud, coercion, open discrimination, and retaliation. As my remarks above demonstrate TBN is not upholding the terms of their own agreement with you. My concern is that the County has rushed into this agreement without conducting due diligence. From the outside the Commission could be seen as colluding with TBN against us. I believe the situation warrants further investigation, as do the Board of Agriculture, HUD, the DBPR, and other investigative bodies.

The agreement includes granting access to the property for county services that would like to aid those soon to be displaced. What about Mayor Jeff Jacobs, and Commissioner Beam Furr are you allowed back on the property to oversee the deplorable condition that it has been reduced to? What about the Television News Crews, can we enjoy freedom of the press or are reporters and news cameras to be continually and unceremoniously kicked off the property, the same way residents are being treated?

TBNs promise of affordable housing units in a future construction project is a pipe dream that cruelly mocks the current situation of the Victims of Lakeside Park

Estates. After seeing our mistreatment how could you condone TBN having any residential project?

I respectfully submit that the Item 59 agreement be rescinded, effective immediately, and revisited with an eye towards one that provides the appropriate relief previously promised to us.

The money offered is not enough to help residents relocate. I propose an across the board, no strings relocation payment, several times the amount being offered, for all residents who choose to accept it regardless of trailer or RV ownership status, just for putting up with TBNs shenanigans. Say, 15,000 per household, which is not that large of a sum considering all the money TBN does not have to pay into the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Fund. We request April 2023 be the move out deadline, as one resident has prepaid until then. All construction stops until we leave. DO you think TBN can be trusted to pay residents who move out after all this? To show good faith must TBN deposit monies in advance into an account for all residents.

Thank you very much for your attention to this most trying and untenable situation.

Greg Jacobs The Victims of Lakeside Park Estates