

My name is Gerry Stoner. I live at 6519 New Jersey Street and have been a park resident for 30 years. I am reading this for my neighbor, Candy Chorman who lives at 6521 New Jersey Street. She has been a park resident for 52 years. Candy is at work and not able to be here. These are her words.

I am very tired of all the negative behavior this lawsuit has brought out in many of the park residents.

I am NOT tired of the lawsuit. Sometimes that is the only way to change what has always been...

We need to get back to basics. What started this lawsuit in the first place? Was it the arrogance of our trustees in thinking the Sunshine Law did not apply to them? YES Was it lack of knowledge concerning the Sunshine Law? YES Was it unwillingness to be taught? YES

We do not live in just a trailer park /(slash) mobile home park. We do not have a Homeowners Association. We are a government, just like the City of Holmes Beach. There are laws we MUST abide by, just like officials in the City of Bradenton.

For many of you who may have forgotten or do not know this lawsuit was 3 years coming. For 3 years "the sisters" as they are referred to went to the office to ask for documents that are a part of the public record. Sometimes they were given what they asked for. Many times they were not. They were not treated nicely or fairly. Government officials can not ask what they want the record for, nor can they deny them the record. It must be given to the person who ask for it in a timely manor. This was not done.

Finally, after 3 years, "the sisters" were told by trustees if they didn't like the way things were going they should SUE them. So they did. There you have it...it was not a spur of the moment decision to sue. It was the arrogance of our board telling them they should sue.

Could the lawsuit have been stopped? YES All it would have taken was an apology and compliance with the law. The Board was wrong...I'm sorry should have been said and it would have been over.

**BUT...that did not happen. We, the residents are now paying the bill for the above mentioned arrogant trustees. \$750,000! The lawsuit also would have ended if the trustees were paying for this out of there own pockets, WHICH THEY SHOULD BE DOING! And they would be doing if park residents had not given money to the board to pay their bills. It would have fallen back on them to pay their own bills.**

We elected them to look out for our interest, not theirs.

Now you have the facts. There are no evil "sisters". There is a Board of Trustees who still act like this is just a trailer park/(slash)mobile home park and not the Government it was set up to be by Charter in the 60"s.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Chorman