

Public Comments – Trulieve

Oral Comments at 3/8/21 Planning and Zoning Board Hearing:

Mr. Schwarz: We do have a number of people signed up to speak as well as some written comments.

Acting Chair Stevens: Good

Mr. Schwarz: ...I know Mr. Lynn was the first one, he's been waiting a while I'm going to turn on his microphone.

Mr. Robert Lynn: My name is Robert Lynn...

Acting Chair Stevens: Please state your name and address.

Mr. Robert Lynn: Ok. My name is Robert Lynn I live at Oakland Grove Village, a 152-unit senior condo community which is about five buildings from this proposed site. I have lived here since 2004. We, uh, our members are always trying to improve our neighborhood. In the past two years we have spent \$250,000 repainting our four buildings, repaving the parking lot, and improving the landscaping. Unfortunately, we're having increasing...let me try and clear my throat ahem (clears throat). Unfortunately, we're having increasing security problems with stolen bicycles and people from Oakland Park Boulevard wandering through our property. We have installed security cameras throughout the property with mixed results. We do not know how this business would operate. I couldn't find anything on before I wrote this. Um, but I vividly remember the issues across the street from this property when a clinic operated an oxycodone distribution center for years with no controls and parenthetically I called the police over and over and over with no results. It was featured on CBS' 60 Minutes and was a real black eye for our neighborhood. It attracted thousands of people from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia- where I'm from- who travelled here just to get drugs. In conclusion, I am opposed to anything that will hurt our neighborhood, increase traffic, and make us less safe. Thank you.

Acting Chair Stevens: Thank you Mr. Lynn. Is there anyone else?

Mr. Schwarz. Uh yes let me see Mr. Ron Burr.

Mr. Ron Burr: Hi. Can you hear me?

Mr. Schwarz: Yes. Please state your name and address.

Acting Chair Stevens: Yes

Mr. Ron Burr: My name is Ron Burr my wife is Jerry Burr. We live at 616 Northwest 30th Court in Wilton Manors. We are the street that runs uh parallel to Oakland Park Boulevard about one block south of Oakland Park Boulevard. First of all, I'd like to thank you for letting us know we're not in Oakland Park but we are a good neighbor in Wilton Manors. So we thank you for letting us know what you were discussing tonight. Um my wife and I are very much opposed to this type of business

in our neighborhood. Uh the last gentleman that just spoke has increased-has said that there's been an increase in crime. We have seen it on our street of people wandering through our neighborhood from Oakland Park. There's a business on Oakland Park Boulevard almost directly across from this business that is trying to open up- I will not name the business- but there is a business there that the police are there all the time because of prostitution and drug activity. We would hope that Oakland Park would not approve this issue. We do not need this type of business in our neighborhood. This is less than a half a mile from our house, in fact we are in the 500-foot radius that you showed on the map. And so if it's not good enough for uh daycare or childcare schools, then it's not good enough for us either. Please do not vote to pass this issue. Thank you very much.

Acting Chair Stevens: Is there anybody else?

Mr. Schwarz: Um is there anybody else from the public who would like to speak on this item? Ok I don't see anybody, but Chair Stevens I do have a handful of written comments that I need to read into the record.

Acting Chair Stevens: Fine.

Written Comments submitted before the 3/8/21 Planning and Zoning Board Hearing:

From: Joe Petrie Local 719 [mailto:jbpeach719@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:16 PM

To: Oakland Park Public Comments <publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov>

Subject: Trulieve Dispensary

Myself and my family would like to go on record as being against allowing this type of facility at this location. It would place it across the street from the Luck's Motel. There is already illegal drugs, prostitution and 3 weeks ago at 3:55am there was 7 gun shots there and several vehicles were shot up. The Police is there quite frequently. This would be like pouring gasoline on a fire that is already out of control. My family and I live for the past 35 years behind the Luck's motel and it has been the last 10 years that it has turned into what I have described above. I hope you take this into careful consideration when making your decision.

Thank you. .

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From: Tim Neal

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:36 AM

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Subject: Proposed Marijuana Dispensary 301 W. Oakland Park Blvd.

Oakland Park Officials:

Issues:

1. It fails my risk analysis.
2. It's against federal laws.
3. Taking the money is too much city risk.
4. I've seen no good from dope use.
5. I don't believe the sales pitches.
6. Oakland Park Blvd. is crowded.
7. Is this a foreign owned business?
8. I smell a rat.

T. Neal

NW 6th Ave.

From: Melissa Piccininni [mailto:mepiccininni@rpmwarehouse.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Oakland Park Public Comments <publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov>

Subject: Case # CD20-25CU

To Whom It May Concern,

I received your letter regarding the above mentioned case# which was addressed to 408 OPB, LLC, the FORMER owner of 408 Oakland Park Blvd. We sold this building in March of 2020. You should send a copy of the letter to the current owner so that they be able to participate in your hearing.

Sincerely,

Melissa Piccininni

From: Kevin Kennison
To: Oakland Park Public Comments
Subject: Case # CD20-25CU Trulieve Dispensary
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 12:39:45 PM

Dear Oakland Park Planning and Zoning Board:

I do NOT want Trulieve Dispensary as a neighbor on Oakland Park Blvd. Please do not grant a business license.

Thank you,
Kevin Kennison
669 W Oakland Park Blvd
Oakland Park, FL 33311

From: Dr. Arachnid [<mailto:drarachnid@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 6, 2021 7:27 AM
To: Oakland Park Public Comments <publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov>
Subject: Case #CD20-25CU – “Trulieve Dispensary” medic

RE: Case #CD20-25CU – “Trulieve Dispensary”

I am opposed to allowing Trulieve Dispensary to use 301 Oakland Park Boulevard as a treatment center or dispensary.

1. How will they pay their federal payroll taxes? How will they pay their employees and workman's comp? Will they try to use form 1099 to pretend their employees are independent workers?

1. I also put to you that there are two businesses that sell prostitution within two blocks of 301 Oakland Park Boulevard.

2. The dangerous traffic on Oakland Park Boulevard will be negatively impacted by a stream of out of neighborhood vehicles running to buy their marijuana. Based on 2017 study of average customers/day - a **minimum** of 200 cars per day will be added to our neighborhood. They will be in and out repetitively, every day, all day.

1. There are no stop lights at this dead-end street; I expect our police, fire and rescue needs will be increased due to the location of this business.

2. Robberies – as can be seen from medical dispensaries in Southern California, are a big problem. Why bring such a high risk business into a sleepy neighborhood?

3. Side sales of marijuana – it will happen, and it will happen in the parking lot of 301 Oakland Park Boulevard. What's the plan to mitigate that and who pays for that?

Finally, I ask, what do I need to do stop this dispensary from moving into our neighborhood?

Respectfully,

C. P. Oakes
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From: Barnes, Jeff

To: Oakland Park Public Comments

Subject: Support for Case CD20-25CU Medical Marijuana Dispensing Facility

Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:44:18 PM

Good evening

I fully support the Conditional Use for the proposed Trulieve Medical Marijuana dispensing facility Case # CD20-25CU.

I have reviewed the architectural plans submitted by the applicant and this will be a 360 degree improvement for this property located at 301 W Oakland Park Blvd.

The current building on the site has sat abandoned for many years. It is in severe disrepair and is a blight on our community.

The citizens of Oakland Park voted overwhelmingly for medical marijuana in 2016. To date, not one facility has opened in Oakland Park. This location is appropriate as it is not located anywhere near a school or childcare facility and is on a busy commercial corridor.

Please vote yes on this item

Thank you

Jeff Barnes

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