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Dear LPA Member,

I own approximately 350 acres around Owl Creek and Trout creek and the river. This property has been in my family for many years beginning in the 1920's.

I am in full support of the North Olga Community Plan and the Northeast Lee County Vision. I feel that we should have our own voice.

Obviously, this property has meant and continues to mean a great deal to myself and my family.

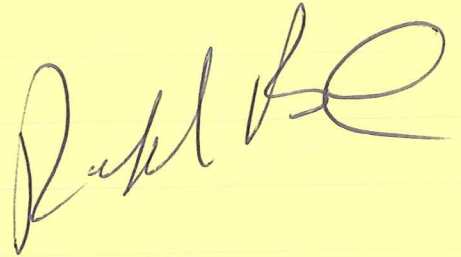
Sincerely,

Belinda Ulrich
Talon Ventures LLC

To LLP

I am presenting This Letter
To voice my support of The
North Olga Community Plan and to
reserve my right to speak at
The County Commission meeting in
June on This subject

Signed



RALPH BOND

5/22/11

I am writing in support of the North Olga Community Plan. I own 300+ acres along with my family. I have attended the North Olga meetings and have been able to have input as to what goes into the plan.

Thank you,

Shauna Flock

May 10, 2011

Mitch Hutchcraft
Consolidated Citrus/King Ranch Incorporated
4210 Metro Parkway, Suite 250
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Re: North Olga Community Plan

Dear Mr. Hutchcraft,

We are property owners and have lived in North Olga for over 16 years. We both strongly support the North Olga Community Plan. It would be a terrible injustice to not allow the people of North Olga their own representation. We kindly ask for your support to approve our plan.

Sincerely,

 
Daniel W. Kreinbrink &
Katherine Kreinbrink

3/28/11

Lee County LPA Members,

The Concerned Citizens of Bayshore Community has been interested in the planning effort to our immediate east and we have some of the same concerns as many residents in that area. The Bayshore, Alva, and North Olga Plans all express goals of remaining rural. But most of the NOPP Directors have supported increased densities and more intense development for the area in the past which has divided the community. Last year County Staff recommended no transmittal of their plan due to lack of consensus. Since then we've been told that their plan has evolved and Staff has said they want to build trust between the groups. If the NOPP truly wants the area to remain rural and build trust they should oppose in their plan density increases and state that they wouldn't be a receiving area for TDR's. If they want to remain rural their objectives and policies should be written to achieve that goal.

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The Bayshore Plan expresses our community's desire to remain rural with low residential densities and minimal commercial activity. Our plan opposes land use changes to a more intensive category. We are concerned that more intense development to our east would trap us between North Olga and N. Fort Myers increasing infill pressures in Bayshore. Those of us who moved here in the 70's and 80's have seen an enormous reduction in rural lands. We believe some parts of the County should remain rural including NE Lee County.

We're also concerned that the NOPP has "no members entitled to vote" as it says in their state amended incorporation papers filed on 5/18/10 giving residents no power to make adjustments to the plan.

We're told that all of these concerns can be addressed later. We believe that if trust is to be built between the groups these issues must be addressed before transmittal. Residents in the North Olga area collected 85 signatures within North Olga last year from those who are worried about development and densities in their rural area. The Concerned Citizens of Bayshore Community will be opposing transmittal unless changes are made to address these issues.

Thank you,
Steve Brodtkin
President CCBC

AUTHORIZATION FOR VOTING AND SPEAKING ON MY BEHALF

William Fields is authorized to speak in my behalf and express our concern

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2. that all residents will be informed about intentions of the planning committee prior to decisions and allowing a hearing and vote.
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Sincerely,

Beth Fields
14160 Duke Hwy, Alva, FL 33920

March 27, 2011

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Sincerely,



March 27, 2011

SAMY FARIED
14160 Duke Hwy
Alva, FL 33920



william Fields <circlingwing3@gmail.com>

FW: Re:

1 message

Todd Feeley <ToddF@turbinegenerator.com>
To: "circlingwing3@gmail.com" <circlingwing3@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 27, 2011 at 5:31 PM

William Fields is allowed to speak on my behalf

Members of the LPA,

I recently purchased a home in Alva because of what it has to offer over other communities in the area. A large part of the attraction of Alva was the larger home sites and not having homes side by side and back to back as is common here in Florida. It seems illogical to change a situation that is not broken. Alva Inc. has done a wonderful job managing this area for several years. The system has been community based with a fair say and a fair vote for all. Why should we trade this situation for one in which power for decision making is turned over to a group of six non-elected large land owners who could have an agenda that would allow them to benefit from higher density allowances. I am all for progress and believe that it should be decided by a group that represents all of the people of Alva by an elected group of individuals. Thank you

On Sun, Mar 27, 2011 at 4:43 PM, Todd Feeley <ToddF@turbinegenerator.com> wrote:

Todd Feeley

14180 Duke Highway

Alva, FL 33920

[239-209-1944](tel:239-209-1944)

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[jk](#) [show details](#) 9:01 PM (10 hours ago)

Please note my protest regarding the actions of the North Olga Planning Panel. I feel the previous system under Alva Inc. was adequate, and there is no need for another planning panel to exist. The North Olga Planning Panel does not represent the wishes of anywhere near the majority of affected homeowners, most of whom are very resistant to any changes in density of homesites.

William Fields is allowed to speak in my behalf.

Donald James Moyer, Jr., MD
14130 Duke Highway
Alva, Florida 33920

March 27, 2011

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Because I am unable to attend your scheduled March 28th meeting due to last minute family medical concerns, I would like to share some thoughts on the discussion relating to the community plan being reviewed from NOPP. It is not worth the time to rehash the past and the desire for NOPP to carve out a section of the existing rural Alva Community Planning map. Like many of my fellow neighbors, we moved to Alva because we wanted to live and enjoy the rural environment away from the hustle and bustle of city life styles. Infrastructure and cost past onto the tax payers of Lee County to handle increased density should not be a forced burden for those that have no vote or limited say on how their community will develop or remain. Limited and controlled growth of Lee Counties rural communities by those organizations that have a proven track record should remain the custodians for their community that offer an open process for dealing with decisions that benefit the community at large.

I live at 18110 North Olga Drive, Alva, Florida 33920 and continue to this day to believe I live in Alva. I know there is some history about Olga and that the US Post Office may have been the culprit that distinguished a North Olga and South Olga for delivery purposes. It's also curious that for the past 50 or so years until the recent failed Bonita Bay Properties desire to build North River Village, the land owners involved decided that they needed to do something to control the value density of their land for future development. This is now known as NOPP and their community plan mirrors most of what is in the Alva plan, give or take some troublesome points that relate to density, use of land and transparency of NOPP as an organizing association that right now seems to benefit only the originating board and its directors.

The County Commission made a mistake with authorizing and giving NOPP tax dollars to develop a plan within the Alva Planning Community. All the reasons given to allow this to happen may have been misleading to cover the opaque direction of NOPP group of well intended neighbors. The county has tried to bridge Alva Inc and NOPP concerns into one plan, however, it appears that this will not happen. This process reminds me of our Federal Government and their push to give health care to all citizens. All the well intended consequences outweighed the negatives and like the speaker of the house noted, we have to pass the bill so we know what is in it, the health care bill is now facing repeal due to the negatives that out weigh the benefit. I fear the same will happen with approval of the NOPP plan for the north western section of the Alva planning area. Before a recommendation from the LPA to County Commissioners is submitted, all the concerns of the communities affected by approval of NOPP, including Alva, Inc and Bayshore, need to be in place, including policies and bi laws of NOPP. Until such time that all parties involved are satisfied with what will move forward, Non Transmittal is my recommendation for your consideration. The best solution is to have one community plan for Alva. Well intended changes by NOPP to make their plan acceptable requires more than conversation to make required changes after approval is recommended. NOPP boundaries, policy and bi-laws along with their statements of community planning need to be open to community input before submission to LPA.

I am a 33 year resident of Lee County and have lived at my present address for approximately 19 years. I am not affiliated with any community association, just a concerned independent. We all have opinions and sometimes agreement is difficult. I also believe that consensus is a lack of leadership. Doing your part without the influence of political favors or direction, is a personal trait that molds good leaders. Thanks for your time and would like my statement to be read at your meeting and become part of the minutes.

Frank V. Musco

Webmail

LAA

Denise Houck

March 28

williamred2@embarqmail.com

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Fwd: Northeast Lee County

From : houckkd@aol.com

Fri, Mar 25, 2011 11:36 AM

Subject : Fwd: Northeast Lee County**To :** williamred2@embarqmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: houckkd <houckkd@aol.com>
To: hornet12 <hornet12@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Fri, Mar 25, 2011 11:22 am
Subject: Northeast Lee County

Since my husband and I are unable to attend the March 28th meeting in person, because we are out of town, I wanted to be sure our voices are "heard" in this discussion about Northeast Lee County. While everyone agrees about wanting to protect our open spaces, agricultural interests, and the rural quality of the area, the biggest sticking point is and always has been density. We are being told that our concerns on this topic are being heard, but there is a big difference between being heard and being listened to. When the subject of Northeast Lee County being only a sending area for TDRs and not a receiving area is brought up we are "re-assured" by the proponents of the North Olga plan, that being a receiving area would be "counterintuitive". Of course it would be! So why isn't in black and white in the plan to be a sending area only? Why doesn't the North Olga plan address head on that no amendments should be made to the land use plan that would increase density? The response to both questions is the same from the proponents of the plan, "why would we want to tie our hands?" My question is.. "Tying your hands to prevent you from being able to do what?" The other issue of concern is our lack of ability to truly get a voice in our community. We are being told that NOPP is working on their by laws so the residents of N. Olga would be able to vote on issues in the future. I'm afraid that it will be too little too late. They are hoping to get this plan before the BoCC soon, but the timeline on getting their by-laws updated is vague, and not likely to be in time for a vote of the residents instead of just a panel of 6.

I am e-mailing this to you as well as asking Bill to read this aloud for the record if there is an opportunity to do so.

Thank you, Denise Houck

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williamred2@embarqmail.com

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LPA Meeting on Monday

From : robogden@gmail.com

Sat, Mar 26, 2011 05:28 PM

Subject : LPA Meeting on Monday**To :** Newcombjones@aol.com, nandress@comcast.net, mhutchcraft@cclpcitrus.com, cbutler33901@yahoo.com, jim@jimgreenrealty.com, jandnmeeker@embarqmail.com, ringe@landsolutions.net, williamred2@embarqmail.com**Reply To :** robogden@gmail.com

LPA Members,

I'm sending this email as a way to communicate a concern about what's happening in my community. I am unable to be at the meeting because of my work schedule. I asked Bill Redfern to read this for me at the meeting.

I live at 18090 North Olga Drive with my wife and 4 children. My youngest two attend Alva elementary and the two oldest go to Alva middle school. Unlike the majority of my neighbors, I have not lived here for years. I just bought my house 8 months ago. We moved from Collier county away from the rat race. We love it here in Alva for many reasons including the country environment, open spaces and friendly people.

The purpose of this email is to communicate a serious concern over the apparent influence the North Olga Planning Panel (NOPP) has been given to determine the growth characteristics of our neighborhood. I'm not anti-growth, I'm simply against the fact that a small group of residents (6 or 7 members of NOPP) have such influence over 300 or 400 other families in NOPP's area and neighboring areas. No-one else living in the NOPP area has the ability to be a member of the NOPP. If the NOPP was an elected body which represented the electorate, that would be expected as an American. However, apparently

- 1) there is no democratic process for being a member and
- 2) every member of NOPP has a propensity toward making the community accommodating for developers (I.e Density changes).

That's a bad combination for the people who like the rural feel of Alva and the N. Olga area.

I'm sure, having spoken to dozens of neighbors, the vast majority of residents are not interested in accommodating developers. This excluded majority should at least have some elected representation on the NOPP board. It makes no sense! It's not what we've all taught our children about the greatness of this country and why we have a better system than most parts of the world.

The good news is, I understand the NOPP will be changing the process to be a member. That is appreciated but hopefully not too little too late. They said the change will be months from now. That would be after the county commissioners have voted on the NOPP's developer friendly recommendations. That is not right! What is the big hurry unless someone is trying to get away with something that won't stand the light of day?

Please hold off taking the NOPP plan to the next level until the NOPP truly represents the desire of the majority of its citizens.

Thank you,
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Rob Ogden
Ogden Brothers Construction
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North Olga Planning Panel and Alva, Inc.**From :** CenturyLink Customer <williamred2@embarqmail.com>**Subject :** North Olga Planning Panel and Alva, Inc.**To :** Ruby Daniels <rubydaniels@embarqmail.com>**Cc :** Dist5 <Dist5@leegov.com>, jgreen <jgreen@cyberstreet.com>

Sun, Mar 27, 2011 06:35 PM

*The Northeast Lec Co. Planning Comm. vision is
A thin piece of gauze
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laceration to the body of a
community*

Good morning LPA members, staff, and community. First of all I would like on behalf of all of the greater Alva area to thank you for your service as citizen advisors to our Board of County Commissioners. I have placed in your hands a copy of the original Articles of Incorporation of the North Olga Planning Panel dated May 26, 2009. I call your attention to Article IV which states that "The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is: BY A VOTE FROM NORTH OLGA COMMUNITY PANEL". Please then read with me Article VII which states "The initial officer(s) of the corporation are: Dennis Van Roekel, 18321 North Olga Dr., Robert Quillen 18191 State Rd. 31, and Thomas Mulling Jr. 14661 Duke Hwy." All report their city as Alva, Florida 33920. Consulting their website they currently list six (6) directors now. Mr. Quillen's name does not appear, but apparently Mr. Nick Armeda, Ms. Mary Povia, Mr. Glen Cary, and Mr. Thomas Mulling were subsequently appointed by the original directors. Three of these individuals own sizeable tracts of land comprising hundreds of acres. Currently there is no way that any other concerned citizen can be elected or appointed to their planning panel. At their Feb. 17 meeting we asked Dr. Van Roekel to advise citizens at the next monthly meeting as to how community members can serve as a director on their panel. At their March 17 meeting Dr. Van Roekel told the community there that they would amend their bylaws to be more democratic but that this would take "two or three meetings". So LPA members, right now we have no community input, voting privileges on real issues or ability to hold office. We have an assurance that coincidentally after the June 13 BOCC vote that they will become democratic. You will see today that our community is not satisfied with a promise. Let me give you a concrete example. At their March 17 meeting after a discussion of the very controversial Proposed Northeast Lee County Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives the panel did not allow a vote by the public. Instead it voted unanimously to accept the proposal which is weak on no density increase to this rural community and weak on community cooperation. You will hear much testimony from an aware and concerned community that feels its identity and democratic rights as American citizens are being passed over by a small self interest group with their own private development agenda for the future. Why the distrust? Every one of the six board of directors were more than supportive of the 2500 unit density increase demanded by the now defunct Bonita Bay Group at their proposed North River Village which was fully more than two and one-half times the allowable density set by the Lee County Land Use Plan. While the panel says they are beyond that now, they do not enjoy the confidence of the vast majority of the homeowners in the disputed region known as "North Olga", or in Alva, or in the Bayshore area. At one time they called our area an "emerging bedroom community for Ft. Myers" until Alva, Inc., the Nature Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and county staff forced them to remove this egregious language. Still, our trust in this panel is severely compromised by such a history. We as a community ask the following from the LPA:

1. We want to make it clear that we do not want to be incorporated into a "North Olga" planning area.
2. If this is forced upon us by the powerful interests we demand democratic community processes that allow us a strong voice in our future, namely the power to vote on future land usages, the right to hold office on the planning panel itself, and the right to participate in truly democratic meetings. We want that accomplished by the NEXT North Olga Planning Panel meeting on April 21, 2011.
3. We demand clear language that forbids density increase proposals in the disputed region. We do not want to be a receiving area for Transfers of Development Rights which is a method to increase density.

Thank you for your attention to our citizens who feel their homes are imperiled, their future lifestyles disrupted, and their way of life possibly sold out to future development interests.

William E. Redfern, Jr.
14651 Duke Hwy.
Alva, Fla. 33920

Good morning. My name is Linda Redfern. I live at 14651 Duke Hwy. Alva, FL 33920

My husband and I have long enjoyed being a part of the Alva community and working with Alva Inc.

I now find myself, thru no desire of my own living in what is now called "North Alva". I oppose the N. Alva Plan and the way N.O.P.P. is organized.

① I am dismayed by the fact that there are no guidelines to maintain low density. ~~the fact~~
~~of the plan~~. I become even more concerned when I hear statements such as:

- We want to remain flexible
- We want to see what comes along
- Why would we tie our hands?
- T.D.R.'s can be used to bring

increased density into our area

- ball fields, playgrounds, community centers, hospital

All of which require an increase in density

Two weeks ago the Panel President's wife explained to us that yes, they had been taken in by the promises made to them by Bonita Bay. This group of people had supported the 2 1/2 times density increase for our area.

Could this happen again?

With their current plan would this be allowed again?

I would like to think not but I have no assurances.

If an organization truly believes in keeping an area rural and abiding by currently set density numbers put it in writing and stand by it.

② My family has called this great nation of ours home since before the Revolutionary War and has fought for freedom and the rights of its citizens. Many of you may have served in the military, ^{on the home front} or have family members doing so even now to ensure a democratic way of life. Yet we have a self appointed group who have decided they know what is best for me and everyone else.

I THINK NOT

At a recent meeting another Panel member relative begged the question that she did not know what was wrong with "you people" as the land owners had bent over backwards for us. Those words continue to ring in my ears even today.

At this same meeting the Panel members voted on an issue critical to the area - one in which the community had many concerns and had so stated. There was NO

community vote - only the panel - 6 to 0 in favor of the Panel. Shame on them. This is America - one person, one vote - it matters not who you are, the amount of money you have, ~~or~~ or the amount of land you own.

This group allows for NO voice for the residents. This is wrong. This is not what we teach our children and our grandchildren.

I would choose to remain ALYA and under the Celva Plan, however if I am to remain, against my will, directed by N.O.P.P. then the N.O.P.P. Plan and the North East Lee County Statements must include:

1. Clear language for no increase in density
2. Clear democratic policies - NOW before adoption vote takes place.

Thank you for your time.

Please include my statement in the county record

My name is Randy May and I live on Duke Hwy. I enjoy our low density, rural life style and I am clearly with Alva, Inc. and its vision of our future and not the North Olga Planning Panel. I call upon NOPP to make its meetings structured in such a way that in the future the community can vote on any Land use planning amendments. I also call on the LPA and the Board of County commissioners to assist us in any way in getting democratic voice into this organization. Thank you.

Please read for me at LPA meeting

Randy M. May
14410 Duke Hwy
Alva FL

LPA members

I am a resident of Western Alva in ^{the AREA} ~~Alva~~ land they are claiming as North Olga. ^{NOPP} They do not represent me in any way, shape, or form. They are autocratic, undemocratic, and self serving. They want to force density increases and not allow me any say in their business. Alva, Inc. should represent the land they claim. ^{they can have some} They have a great job for our community all along. Please allow Bill Fields to speak for me today. My husband and I can't be there on March 28.



K. Eberle

14100 Duke Hwy

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~~has now been called North~~
Hello, I'm Robert M. longfellow who lives at 14260 Duke Highway in Alva which ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~welcomely considered as~~ Olga. I DO NOT support the NOPP in any way shape or form. To vote as a **unit**, without representation... is "Tea Party" time. This is a complete travisty to the foundation that this country is formed . DO NOT ALLOW THESE FEW AND I AGAIN SAY FEW.....BOARD MEMBERS to decide OUR future. They purchased this land knowing what the limits were..... This is the last remaining RURAL AREA in Lee. Do not allow a few (5) speak for us ALL..... You have the 80 plus signatures on record.
Thank You, Robert M. Longfellow

3/28/2011

Mr. Robert M. Longfellow
14260 Duke Highway
Alva, FL 33920

ROBERT M. LONGFELLOW

To : william fields <circlingwing3@yahoo.com>, connie0204 <connie0204@embarqmail.com>

LPA,

Please allow William Fields to read this at the March 28 LPA meeting as my wife and I are out of town. I am a resident of Alva living on Duke Hwy. Back when Bonita Bay was trying to take over and raise densities I opposed them. Now a small band of landowners are trying to do what that big company could not do---raise density in the future, wreck our rural life, and shove their ways down our throat. They are not democratic and I want the right to vote and hold office in their North Olga Planning Panel IF the county forces us to accept them as our community leaders in their planning panel.

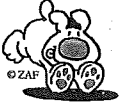


Hubert & Connie Eberle
14100 Duke Hwy
33920 Alva

LPA members,

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I am new to this neighborhood and community and thought I was moving into the rural area called Alva. I moved here because it is natural, peaceful, and doesn't have lots of traffic congestion. I am aware that Alva, Inc. likes what I believe in. I can go to there meetings and my vote will count. I cannot do this at a North Olga meeting where a few guys decide things for me even if I am against it. I don't want more houses than allowed by the county plan and I don't want someone trying to increase this without my vote.



Mr. Gilbert Ospina
14560 Duke Hwy.
Alva, FL 33920

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Ospina'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dear LPA,

Please allow my neighbor William Fields to read my statement to you. My family and I moved to Alva (DUKE HWY) to enjoy this beautiful rural life. This rural life is in danger if density increases in this community are allowed. I want a say in how our area is governed for planning purposes in the future. My husband and I should be allowed to vote on community issues and not a be held to the whims of five families who own land in this area and appointed themselves to a planning panel.

Ronald & Mary A. Moniz
Ronald & Mary A. Moniz
14561 Duke Hwy
ALVA, FL 33920

LPA members,

My wife and I are out of town and we are asking William Fields to read our statements about the future of our immediate area that they are now calling North Olga. I am a citizen of Alva and want Alva to plan for me because they believe in a low density, rural way of life. North Olga is not democratic and does not represent MY interests for the future that I envision for my family.

Ronald M Monie
Ron Monie 941-296-1773 14561 Duke Hy.

5/23/11

Lee County LPA,

The Concerned Citizens of Bayshore Community (CCBC) has been interested in the planning effort to our immediate east and we have some of the same concerns as many residents in that area. The Bayshore, Alva, and North Olga Plans all express goals of remaining rural but most of the Directors of the NOPP have supported increased densities and more intense development in the past which has divided the community.

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The issue of density is fundamental to an area being rural but the definition of rural in their plan does not address density. This is not a minor issue.

This leads us to the main point. We all know that everyone will not agree on every point in a community plan but for the Staff Report to say there is consensus disregards the majority view of the N. Olga area residents and their lack of ability to join the group and vote on the plan. In the NOPP's Articles of Incorporation filed May 26, 2009 it says the manner in which directors are elected or appointed is: "By a vote from the North Olga Community Panel." In Article III of their bylaws from Nov. 2009 it says that their members consist of the Board of Directors and in Article IV it indicates that only members can vote. This shows that they don't allow any members except for their Officers and Directors who are appointed only by them and it's obvious why.

The Staff Report tries to take a lack of consensus on fundamental issues and call it consensus. It also talks about community stakeholders taking ownership of their community's future. There can be consensus and community ownership of their future only if N. Olga residents can join the group as Officers, Directors, and Members and be able to vote on the plan. The NOPP has not allowed this. We ask that you vote no on recommending transmittal until this occurs.

Thank you,
Steve Brodtkin
President CCBC

5/3/11

Attention Board Members:

The density of our area should stay at 1 home per acre. I prefer Alva, Inc. to be our representative for this area. We built our home in this area because it was not a gated community and prefer the open spaces of the country.

Sincerely

Kathleen Shepard

William Hollenback

KATHLEEN S. SHEPARD

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ALVA, FL. 33920

Betty L. Warden

Betty L. Warden

15321 TERRELL DR.

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WILLIAM HOLLENBACK

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ALVA FL 33920

FW: Alva

Pam Lewis [PLewis@pelicanbay.org]

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 7:53 AM**To:** cbutler33901@yahoo.com; Mitch Hutchcraft; ringe@landsolutions.net

From: Pam Lewis**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:39 AM**To:** 'jandnmeeker@embarqmail.com'; 'nandress@comcast.net'; 'newcombjones@aol.com'; 'jgreen@cyberstreet.com'; 'cbutler3391@yahoo.com'**Subject:** Alva

LPA members –

I purchased my home at 15751 North River Road, ALVA in 2000. I have been and continue to be delighted to be a resident of ALVA. I was fortunate to have been provided the historical abstract for the property by the previous owners which dates back to 1891 and an original land grant signed by President Benjamin Harrison. My property has been, from its original land grant until now in ALVA. I greatly desire to continue to live in ALVA. It seems a complete travesty that a select group of individuals have any say on my property's address or more blatantly any say on a community plan which ALVA Inc. has had in place and which I fully support. I can not fathom how this North Olga group has established any credence with LPA or the County Commissioners without the backing of the very community they profess to represent. Prior to any change as profound as the North Olga group is planning I implore Lee County to poll the residents of the area being affected by these changes. The people living within the disputed area have a right to vote on where they live, and should have the right to vote on which group they desire to do the future planning for ALVA.

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Fwd: North Olga Community

From : Jennie J hertling <jjmoose@embarqmail.com>
Subject : Fwd: North Olga Community
To : williamred2@embarqmail.com

Sun, Jun 12, 2011 08:23 PM

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Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 8:22:18 PM
Subject: North Olga Community

We do not feel that a council of 6 members should be given the power to make decisions for the community of North Olga. A council of this type should have a diversified panel consisting of several members of the community who are elected by their neighbors. Not self appointed. This would be a more Democratic way of doing things. A panel that can make decisions without the input or approval of the community it will impact is wrong.

~~Those of us who have lived here all of our lives are not willing to have decisions made for us without having a say. I am sure many of the others who are members of this community feel the same.~~

Ms. Hertling asked that this part be stricken 6-13-11 EWK

~~We also do not agree that the Alva council should make decisions for us. We are not Alva and never have been.~~

We live in a beautiful rural community and would like to keep it that way without allowing large numbers of homes to be built on smaller properties causing congestion and all of the problems that would entail.

We would love to attend the commission meetings but it is difficult for working people to attend.

Gary and Jennie Hertling
North Olga residents

We just purchased our home in Alva because we wanted to live in a rural area. We are adamantly opposed to any actions that could result in increased density in this area.

Ellen Seifeld

18280 Telegraph Creek Lane
Alva, Fla.

**Lee County Commission, June 13, 2011 Scheduled Meeting Topic:
North Olga Planning Panel (NOPP) request for transmittal of
community plan**

For the record, my name is Frank V. Musco and I am a full time resident of Lee County and presently live with my wife at 18110 North Olga Drive, Alva, FL 33920. We are not affiliated with any community association, just concerned independents in retirement enjoying what is left of our golden years. I know there is a history about Olga and those pioneers and present day family members should be congratulated on their efforts to preserve the history of their great grandparents. This, however, should not take away from those other residents who also want to create a history for their grand children and live in an area that has been known as Alva. A civic organization or group of concerned citizens can do for the history of Olga without infringing on the property rights and concerns of other residents who have been here for a shorter period of time and do not own large tracks of land. I have lived in Lee County for approximately 33 years and at my present address for approximately 19 years. Two of my three married children live and work in Lee County and three of my six grand kids attend Lee County public schools. With that said, limited and controlled growth and concerns of Lee Counties rural communities should remain with those recognized organizations that have a proven track record as custodians for their community plan that supports open agendas and voting process that deals with community planning decisions. A Community plan should differ from that of a for profit Business Plan. The mistrust and conflicting opinions of what is or what should be, has put a wedge between neighbors and friends within and outside of Alva over the use and value of dirt.

I have also found it somewhat curious that a small number of large land owners involved with the recent failed Bonita Bay Properties desire to build North River Village, decided they needed to do something to control the value density of their land for future

development. A Trojan horse was born and it called itself North Olga Planning Panel. The County Commission made a mistake and miscalculation authorizing grant approval and giving \$50,000 tax payer dollars to NOPP to develop a second community plan within the existing Alva Community Plan which was in the process of being updated by Alva Inc. Alva Inc. also received grant money to further develop their approved Alva Community Plan and believe the approval to NOPP to be redundant and poor handling of tax payer funds. This process reminds me of our Federal Government desire to give health care to all citizens and passed a bill because all the so called well intended consequences discussed behind closed doors, outweighed the negatives. The Health care bill is now facing repeal due to all the negatives that are outweighing the benefit. I fear the same will happen with approval of the NOPP community plan for the north western section of the Alva Community planning area. The best plan is to have one plan for the existing Alva Community Planning boundaries because I believe the majority of the households located in this western boundary request it. I would support a North Olga Civic Organization but recommend that non transmittal of the North Olga Planning Panel Community Plan. We all have opinions and sometimes agreement is difficult. I also believe that consensus is a lack of leadership. Doing your part to serve the citizen of Lee County without the influence of political favors or political correctness is a trait that molds good leaders. Thanks for your time and request that my statement be included in the minutes of this meeting.


Frank V Musco


Rose Marie Musco

Good Morning/Afternoon Commissioners

My name is Michael Stottlemyer. I live in Telegraph Creek Estates. If the North Olga Plan is approved I will live in the North Olga Planning Area.

I'll

~~Let~~ be Frank! The Community Plan for North Olga, before you today. Is NOT a "COMMUNITY PLAN". It is a "PANEL PLAN". Approved by six people. Not a community.

Allow me to give one example of why I say the "Panel" is a closed corporation & not a democratic organization.

I was at the April North Olga meeting when the North Olga Plan was discussed & voted on. Many people at the meeting wanted language in the plan that would maintain the current density level. Language that would require a developer to justify any changes to the rural nature of the area. Dr. Van Roekel, the president of the North Olga Planning Panel. Was the chairman of the meeting. He did not want to discuss any development limitations. Dr. Van Roekel asked for & received a motion for a vote. He asked for a vote from those in favor of the plan. He then said that the plan carried unanimously. I protested & said that he hadn't asked for those OPPOSED. He said, he didn't have to that the vote was only from the six member PANEL & that it was unanimous. I protested further. Saying that it wasn't a democratic vote & as a resident of the area I was

excluded from voting. Six people control the decision making for an entire community! Dr. Van Roekel said that, "You are absolutely right." That it was not democratic but that was the way it was going to be done & that only the members of the panel would be allowed to vote on the plan. The motion was passed by the North Olga "Planning Panel." (not the community) The North Olga Plan was approved by only its six "Panel" members!

Until the North Olga Planning Panel is truly a democratic organization. That allows ALL residents of the planning area to participate in the decision making process. The Community Plan for North Olga should not be transmitted. A vote for transmittal today. Is a vote to undermine the democratic process we all hold dear. No resident should be excluded from the decision making process.

TO DO SO IS NOT RIGHT!! ITS JUST NOT RIGHT!!!

Transmittal of the North Olga Plan should be postponed until it is a community plan. When it is a plan approved by the community. With no resident excluded. Not a plan approved by just six people! Then it should be transmitted to the DCA.

Michael Stottlinger

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to misrepresentation by the North Olga Panel. I feel this is a group that was fabricated to represent very few local land owners, whose apparent financial gain seems to be consistently ignored. As a property owner who works extremely hard to pay my taxes, I find it exasperating that those monies are so freely distributed to unwarranted causes. The fact that \$50,000.00 can be so deviously allocated to such a self serving cause at the expense of, what are obviously viewed to be, ignorant taxpayers. Shame to those who chose such a silly way to spend instead of using this money for the true hardships we all are facing today. I have lived in Alva for thirty six years. The majority of the people that live in Alva, live here as a way of life. We willingly trade convenience for peace and quiet. I have known most of my neighbors my entire life. They have watched me grow and now that I have chosen to raise my children here they have come to know the same comfort and security that comes with being raised in such a rural environment. I am finding it hard to grasp that everything I have done until now to ensure that my children could have a certain way of life could be taken away by the suppression of my voice and by greed. Alva, Inc. has always portrayed the straightforward and honest representation of those of us who choose to sincerely live in Alva.

With Honesty,

Melinda Brown

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"North Olga" Alva area**From :** Liz & Arnie <geiger117@bellsouth.net>

Thu, Jun 09, 2011 04:17 PM

Subject : "North Olga" Alva area**To :** dist1@Leegov.com, dist2@Leegov.com, dist3@Leegov.com, dist4@Leegov.com, dist5@Leegov.com*Lee County Commissioners,*

My wife & I purchased a home back in January 2011 that is located in Lee County with a Alva address. Our property is located on Traverse Drive in what some call "North Olga". Our concern is that the Lee County Commissioners have appointed The North Olga Planning Panel to represent the residents of "North Olga". We are not aware of how these panel members were chosen or why the Panel members have no term limits & no plans for a way of the "North Olga" residents as a whole to be able to also hold an office with equal voting rights to representation.

This Country was created as a Republic for the people and by the people, NOT for a panel to be appointed and dictate to the rest of the community. My wife & I are personally not aware of the appointed Panel members qualifications or views on what & how North Olga will be changed.

We purchased this property based on the existing zoning, small housing communities within an agricultural environment. We understand that SOME changes are inevitable but the majority of the residents should be considered.

We would appreciate you re-evaluating this "North Olga Planning Panel" and their ability to influence your decisions for zoning changes. If you were to poll the entire North Olga & Alva community residents you would probably hear a different voice regarding any zoning changes. Please bear in mind that the smaller landowners are just as important as the few larger landowners.

Arnie & Liz Geiger
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Re: Fwd: BOCC June 13**From :** Steve Friebe <gtgfriebe@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jun 12, 2011 04:08 PM

Subject : Re: Fwd: BOCC June 13**To :** CenturyLink Customer <williamred2@embarqmail.com>

Bill,

Here is the attachment your neighbor sent. You can copy and paste it into a program that you can print from.

Steve

Walter & Rachel McKee

18331 Telegraph Creek Lane

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June 11, 2011

Board of County Commissioners:

My wife and I are unable to attend the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting on Monday, June 13, because of a family related out of town trip this week end. Therefore we are writing to communicate our concern in the issue regarding the North Olga Community Planning Panel upon which you will be asked to vote. We live in the area covered by this proposal.

We prefer to be a part of the Alva, Inc. planning area because of the common elements of the area from Rt. 31 east. However, we are not opposed to having a N. Olga Planning Panel if it is properly structured. The present organizational structure does not allow for panel members to be elected by the residents of the community. This would be corrected if the proposed by-law updates recommended by attorney, Richard Pringle, and posted on the N. Olga web page under "Community Planning" would be adopted. **We urge the County Commissioners to postpone approval of the N. Olga Community Planning Panel until these by-law updates are adopted by the Panel.**

Until these changes are made in the by-laws representation on the panel will be determined by the number of acres one owns rather than the number of residents in the community.

Walter and Rachel McKee

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Fwd: olga and alva**From :** DEBRA WHITE <dwhitefaz@embarqmail.com>

Sun, Jun 12, 2011 08:45 AM

Subject : Fwd: olga and alva**To :** CenturyLink Customer <williamred2@embarqmail.com>

bill, would you review this before I send it to the commissioners. your input would be appreciated. debra

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From: "DEBRA WHITE" <dwhitefaz@embarqmail.com>

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Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 8:42:38 AM

Subject: olga and alva

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

My name is Debra White. I live at 18220 Elmwood Drive, Alva Florida. I am out of town and writing this email to all of you to express my grave concern regarding the recent developments in Alva. Last year I joined Alva Inc. As a resident for 10 years I have come to know and love the rural nature of our community.

I feel that the citizens of Alva have been bamboozled by the creation of the Olga board. My understanding is that they were created by all of you. Granted, I do not attend commission meetings so I am only aware of this because of my sporadic participation in Alva Inc. However, it appears that these six people who are on the Olga Board have no term limits whatsoever. Additionally, their own bylaws completely rule out any possibility for the small land owners of Alva to have any appointment possibilities at all.

Another appalling thing is that they received FIFTY THOUSAND TAX DOLLARS to perform their bamboozling. Elmwood Drive is in ALVA NOT OLGA. How do these people get to control the fate of my property?

Please disband this group of wealthy land owners or give the regular citizens a voice. The last I checked Alva was in the United States of America which was founded on democratic principles. I look to you all as my commissioners to uphold these founding democratic principles.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra White
18220 Elmwood Drive
Alva, Florida 33920
239 693 7345

~~Denise~~

I am a lifelong resident of Lee County and 14 year resident of an area I have always known as Alva. My ~~husband~~ ^{am} and I are unable to be here to speak in person; because ^{I am} we are at work. So I have asked a fellow "North Olga" resident to share our concerns for us. Today ~~we~~ ^{me} are asking this Board not to transmit the North Olga plan. This plan was drafted and voted upon by a small group of individuals as opposed to the community at large, as the people of North East Lee County have grown accustomed to. This plan lacks the teeth needed to protect this area not only for ~~us~~ ^{me}, but for the other residents of Lee County, who come out to enjoy the wide open spaces and the beautiful parks of North East Lee County.

The county staff says that there is a consensus in favor of the North Olga plan. If that is true, then why not let the community at large vote? If the North Olga Planning Panel feels what they are doing is truly what the community wants, then let us VOTE. We have been told that Alva Inc. is unique in that it does allow for the people to have a say in matters that concern their community. It is said in a fashion that we are silly for thinking that all other community planning panels should behave in a similar fashion. When did the notion of democracy become a ridiculous idea in a democratic society? Since when does a bad idea become a good idea simply because that's what everyone else is doing?

Oh yes and this term of "landowner": those of us who can't measure the amount of land we own in terms of hundreds of acres are landowners just the same. Come November 1st we all get tax bills, so we matter too.

~~Thank you, Denise and Robert Houck.~~

Houck

In the matter of the Alva plan, we support transmittal of this plan. This plan expresses what the community wishes to see go forward with it's future.

~~Thank you, Denise and Robert Houck~~

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Fwd:**From :** CenturyLink Customer <williamred2@embarqmail.com>

Sat, May 21, 2011 10:38 AM

Subject : Fwd:**To :** Pam Lewis <PLewis@pelicanbay.org>

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From: "CenturyLink Customer" <williamred2@embarqmail.com>**To:** "Pam Lewis" <PLewis@pelicanbay.org>**Sent:** Saturday, May 21, 2011 9:43:15 AM**Subject:** Re:

Excellent!

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From: "Pam Lewis" <PLewis@pelicanbay.org>**To:** "CenturyLink Customer" <williamred2@embarqmail.com>, "Ruby Daniels" <rubydaniels@embarqmail.com>**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2011 3:47:37 PM**Subject:** FW:

FYI. I'm trying. -Pam

From: Pam Lewis**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2011 3:46 PM**To:** 'Dist1@leegov.com'**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Manning – Recently I included you in an email I sent out to all of the County Commissioners, as well as the LPA members, in reference to the North Olga group. I'd like to follow up my previous email with this one to implore you to consider the wishes of the residents of the 'disputed' area. Many of the residents of the West Alva area, myself included, do not appreciate not having any say in which comprehensive plan will affect our future. The majority of us are extremely satisfied with the comprehensive plan developed by Alva Inc. and are unclear as to why there is any other plan for our area. I am also unclear who elected the North Olga group and why anyone felt there was any need for an additional comprehensive plan for Alva. The residents' of the disputed area need to be given the opportunity to vote on an issue as important as this. Alva is still a small, lovely rural community and we would like to see it remain that way and have the comprehensive plan developed by Alva Inc. be the sole plan for our area. The North Olga group exists at all due solely to a Commission vote and not by a popular vote. The existing vote of the Commission and the existence of the North Olga group is not supported by the very residents affected by it. Please vote to maintain Alva's rural character and the Alva Inc. comprehensive plan. Your vote will give a voice to, and be in support of, the residents of the 'disputed' area who have not been given a voice. Thank you for your consideration on this matter – Pam Lewis

TIMOTHY WEISS

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May 19, 2011

Dear Friend,

Please allow William Fields to read my comments.

As a property owner at 14200 Duke Highway which borders acreage east of highway 31 and south of highway 78, I am concerned about attempts to increase population density on the acreage in the Olga/ Alva area.

It bothers me that Alva Inc. is no longer able to represent our concerns in this regard. It is my wish that our neighborhoods voices be heard by open minds.

I do not feel that the North Olga planning panel is capable of objectively considering our views and desires on this matter unless residents of our neighborhood can be included in membership and policy decisions.

Sincerely,
Tim Weiss