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### Membership Meeting January 11, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 45 people.

President Daniels introduced Ms. Julianne Thomas, Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Ms. Thomas received a warm welcome from those present. The Conservancy has been a strong ally to Alva in preventing urban sprawl and preserving our environment.

Secretary's Report:

None

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: December 15: \$3,200.99, ending balance January 11 2020: \$2,775.37. Report accepted.

Community Planning: Rob Andrys presented the history of Alva Community planning. Dr. Jerry Murphy then described the process upon which we are embarking. Concern was raised by members living in the northwestern part of the planning area that their area would not be covered in the planning process. They were assured their area will be addressed in the Alva Plan.

President's Report:

- Caloosa 80 Zoning Hearing is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Oak Park Zoning Hearing for parking variance is scheduled for January 21st
- North Olga Community Plan: Ms. Thomas and Dr. Murphy commented on it possibly going to the LPA this month.

RGMC Dinner: Carl Veaux announced. January 18<sup>th</sup>, Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, Commissioner Mann to speak.

Member Concerns:

Steve Brodtkin: Debbie Jackow is running for Tammy Hall's commission seat.

Ed Pritchard: Ed lives in the western part of the planning area. He talked about the North Olga Planning Panel and his opposition to the proposed urban sprawl. Ed said if Alva does not stand up to the sprawl issue, it will be "Nopes against the Dopes!"

Raffle: Rob Andrys orchestrated the drawings. Winners were:

Vacation in NC: Lane Temple

Daycare for a week: Dianne Johansson

Water Ski: Albert Gambros

Silver Dollar: Rick Clay

Alva Market feast: Barb Watts

Alva Diner feast: J.D. Shouse

Oil Changes: Alex

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green  
Secretary



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### Membership Meeting February 8, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 45 people.

Welcome: President Daniels introduced Mr. Pete Burkert, candidate for State Senate District 27, who spoke briefly on his campaign. Steve Brodtkin announced Debbie Jackow is running for District 4 County Commissioner. President Daniels reminded all that while we welcome information from candidates, Alva Inc. does not endorse candidates.

Secretary's Report: January minutes were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance January 12: \$2,775.37, ending balance February 8: \$5,033.52. Report accepted.

North Olga Plan: Ms Julianne Thomas, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, summarized concerns regarding the plan submitted to Lee County, which she mentioned are in alignment with Lee Staff issues: density increase, commercial node, and lack of protection of rural character. Many citizens of the area in question spoke their opposition to the same issues, and added the contention this was a plan by a few that lacked community consensus. The newly-designated North Olga Planner, Ms. Alexis Crespo, said the submission is going to be changed to address concerns that have been raised. President Daniels offered to arrange a meeting of community leaders (North Olga, Alva, and Bayshore) to work towards a plan submission that could have broad community support and consensus. Ms. Crespo welcomed President Daniel's offer.

Alva Community Planning: Dr. Jerry Murphy spoke on the Vision to be developed by community members for the Alva Community Planning Area. He provided handout information of prior work on the subject, sending members home with food for thinking in preparation for next month's community plan meeting.

Vice President's Report: BJ Gerald greeted all as they arrived for the meeting, and announced the intention to have a "greeter" at each meeting.

Caloosa 80: Mr. Whitcomb summarized the Hearing Examiner's approval recommendation and thanked members for their assistance in negating the prior requirement to improve/use Bateman Road. Ms. Debbie McKuen stated her continuing opposition to the project.

#### Announcements:

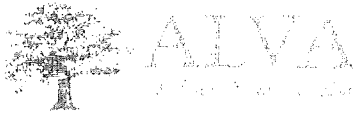
BOD Meeting Thursday February 25 7 PM MOGHOP

ELCC: Tuesday February 16 6:30 PM Olga Community Center, Commissioner Bigelow to speak.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green  
Secretary



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### Membership Meeting March 8, 2010

Vice President B.J. Gerald greeted all at the entrance with a warm smile, and provided both sign-in and membership sign-up opportunities.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 40 people.

Welcome: President Daniels introduced Mr. Tom Scott, Alva resident and candidate for District 5 School Board seat, who spoke briefly on his campaign. Sonny Hass then spoke on his campaign for District 2 County Commissioner. President Daniels reminded all that while we welcome information from candidates, Alva Inc. does not endorse candidates.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance February 9: \$5,033.52. Ending balance March 8: \$4,937.07. Report accepted.

North Olga Plan: Ms. Crespo, North Olga Planner, announced a public meeting Thursday March 11 7PM at the Bayshore Fire Department. She will present the draft policy language and comments will be encouraged.

Alva Community Planning: Dr. Jerry Murphy spoke on *How to Develop in a Rural Area* (slides provided by Julianne Thomas of the Conservancy). Discussion and input then followed regarding community desires with Jerry as moderator and Rob furiously writing on large sheets of paper. Comments included: Rural Mixed Use defined: Horses and Cows! Width of road: preserves or detracts from rural nature. SR 31: No plan to widen before 2030 -? Clustering is encouraged within current Land Use densities. TDR's can provide a positive impact - properly enacted. Designation of North River Road as a Scenic/Historic Highway will add protection. Encourage dedication of conservation easements with the resulting property tax benefit. Suggest Tax Increment Financing of sidewalks. Voice strong opposition to Babcock's intent to widen North River Road. Where commercial is allowed or encouraged, require interconnection of properties (drive between them without going back out on the highway).

Vice President's Report: Signs have been purchased to remind residents of meetings and are displayed a few days before each meeting.

Caloosa 80: Mr. Whitcomb summarized the BOCC's approval and thanked members for their assistance in negating the prior requirement to improve/use Bateman Road.

Nomination of Officers: Rob Andrys nominated the following candidates for office for the upcoming year commencing June 1: Ruby Daniels, President; B.J. Gerald, Vice President; Emily Smith,

Treasurer. The nominations carried. Other candidates for all office are encouraged to come forward by contacting Rob Andrys or announcing their intent at the April Meeting. A candidate for Secretary is needed!

Announcements:

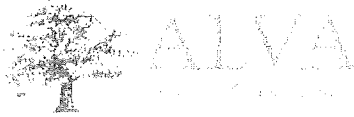
BOD Meeting Thursday March 25 7 PM MOGHOP

ELCC: Tuesday March 16 6:30 PM Olga Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green  
Secretary



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### Membership Meeting April 12, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 35 people.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was absent

North Olga Plan: Commissioner Mann noted there were more people present from North Olga against the North Olga Plan than there were members on the North Olga Planning Panel that submitted the plan. LPA hearing is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Alva Community Planning: Rob Andrys acted as moderator. The group reviewed Objectives (see attachment) that had been developed and enacted from other community planning initiatives. Healthy discussion and interaction followed. Consensus was reached to include all the Objectives with the exception of Golf Course Standards. The group desire was no additional golf courses be permitted in Alva.

EAR Input: Working session to occur at Riverdale Library 5-7PM April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Nomination of Officers: Rob Andrys solicited nominations for officers for the upcoming year commencing June 1. The following are nominees from the March meeting: Ruby Daniels, President; B.J. Gerald, Vice President; Emily Smith, Treasurer. Other candidates for all office are encouraged to come forward by contacting Rob Andrys. A candidate for Secretary is needed!

Announcements:

BOD Meeting: Thursday April 22, 7 PM MOGHOP

ELCC: Tuesday April 27, 6:30 PM Olga Community Center.

LPA: Monday April 26, 8:30 AM, BOCC Chambers

Relay for Life: April 30, 6:30 PM, Riverdale High School.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green  
Secretary

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## ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES FOR CONSIDERATION - Condensed Language

**OBJECTIVE: GROWTH MANAGEMENT.** Development in Alva must be consistent with the principles and practices provided in the following policies.

**OBJECTIVE: RURAL CHARACTER.** Develop and maintain, through innovative and on-going efforts, incentive-based and/or regulatory programs to protect and enhance wetland habitats, water quality, natural upland habitats, agricultural lands, community facilities, rural land use patterns, existing infrastructure capacity, and historically significant features in Alva.

**OBJECTIVE: NATURAL RESOURCES.** Prohibit degradation of estuarine, riverine, and wetland resources and loss of native upland vegetation and wildlife habitats. Development that would result in loss of wildlife habitat or adversely impact any protected species is prohibited.

**OBJECTIVE: WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND SURFACE WATER RESOURCES.** All development must be located, designed, and constructed to protect and enhance the ambient surface or groundwater resources, Lee County's potable water storage and distribution systems, and the water quality of the Alva Community.

**OBJECTIVE: ROADWAY DESIGN AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES.** Lee County will coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation to improve connections that exist between State Road No. 31 and State Road No. 100, and to monitor traffic levels in the Alva Community and State Road No. 100.

*Do we need these?*

**OBJECTIVE: WATER CONSERVATION AND RURAL LAND USES.** Lee County will promote water conservation and rural land uses oriented toward traditional agricultural and rural land uses, the water dependent uses, and the water dependent uses described on Lee Plan Map No. 100.

**OBJECTIVE: LAND USE.** Lee County will support the efforts of the community to document the area's historic and cultural resources and archaeological sites with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the area's rural quality of life.

**OBJECTIVE: HISTORIC RESOURCES.** Lee County will support the efforts of the community to document the area's historic and cultural resources and archaeological sites with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the area's rural quality of life.

**OBJECTIVE: AGRICULTURAL USES.** Lee County will foster the productive, unobtrusive, and viable agricultural uses in the Community and will promote innovative growth management "tools" such as purchase and transfer of development rights; and agricultural, native vegetated upland, open land, and wetlands conservation and preservation programs to sustain the rural character of the Alva.

**OBJECTIVE: MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT.** Lee County will direct mixed-use development to specific and appropriate areas of Alva to preserve Alva's unique neighborhoods and to the community with access to basic goods and services without having to travel outside the Community.

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**OBJECTIVE: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.** Lee County will prohibit central water and central sewer in Alva and will provide and facilitate rurally appropriate parks, recreational opportunities, and other sustainable community facilities that discourage unsustainable urban development and suburban sprawl.

~~**OBJECTIVE: GOLF COURSE STANDARDS.** The location, design, and operation of golf courses in Alva will improve the functioning of the natural resources within the overall ecosystem(s) and incorporate Best Management Practices.~~

**OBJECTIVE: RESIDENTIAL USES.** County regulations, policies, and discretionary acts will recognize certain unique characteristics of rural Alva that justify different treatment of existing and future residential development than in the future urban areas of Lee County.

**OBJECTIVE: COMMERCIAL USES.** County regulations, policies, and discretionary acts will recognize certain unique characteristics of rural Alva that justify different treatment of existing and future commercial development than in the future urban areas of Lee County.

**OBJECTIVE: DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.** The protection of water quality, quantity, natural resources, and compatibility will be addressed by additional development controls that regulate the permitted uses, parcel size, density, intensity, and design standards for development in Alva.

**OBJECTIVE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.** Due to the unique tri-county location of Alva, Lee County will work with Charlotte and Hendry Counties and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council to propose and resolve intergovernmental concerns to preserve the rural character of Alva.

**OBJECTIVE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Lee County will encourage and solicit public input and participation prior to and during the review and consideration of all County development orders, development permits, regulations, Land Development Code provisions, Lee Plan provisions, and zoning changes in Alva.



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### Membership Meeting May 10, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 30 people.

Welcome: President Daniels welcomed FGCU Student and candidate intern Emma Racila.

Secretary's Report: April minutes were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: April 13 beginning balance: \$4558.56. Expenditures: \$106.00 May 12 ending balance: \$4,452.56

President's Report:

1. EAR Workshop: Alva and East Lee residents participated in the EAR workshop at the Riverdale Library. Many good ideas were submitted to staff for consideration.
2. Landscape Palm Beach Blvd: LDOT is making plans prior to funding availability to landscape from Hickey Creek to the County line. Alva inc. will provide input.
3. EPA Hearing on Fertilizer Numerics: Points were well made and received thanks to participants and organization by Marty Daltry.

North Olga Plan: Mike Stottlemire, Telegraph Creek resident, voiced his continuing opposition to the North Olga Plan and representation by the North Olga Planning Panel. Discussion followed by other residents in the area agreeing with Mike. Mike requested formal Alva Inc. support and made the following motion: ***That Alva Inc. represent all residents in the proposed "North Olga" area who oppose the North Olga Plan.*** Ed Pritchard, Lynhurst Lane resident, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alva Community Planning: Dr. Murphy provided a "homework handout" with implementing policy language for objectives previously endorsed by the community. He then summarized the policies and asked people to come with their thoughts and comments to the June meeting.

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers for the upcoming year was unanimously approved: Ruby Daniels, President; B.J. Gerald, Vice President; Connie Dennis, Secretary; Emily Smith, Treasurer. We thank those elected for contributing to their community.

Announcements:

BOD Meeting: Thursday May 27, 7 PM MOGHOP

ELCC: No May meeting.

LPA North Olga Hearing: Monday May 24, 8:30 AM, BOCC Chambers.,

BOCC North Olga Hearing: June 16, 9:30 AM BOCC Chambers.

Alva Political Candidate Forum: 6:30 PM July 12, Alva School

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green  
Secretary





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Alva, Inc. Minutes  
June 14, 2010

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 35 people.

Welcome: President Daniels welcomed county staff members Kathie Ebaugh & Matt Noble, plus welcome to all.

Secretary's Report: May minutes were summarized by ex-secretary Jim Green, move to accept by Ellen Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Nouck, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: May 10 beginning balance: \$ \$4,452.56 Expenditures: \$261.99  
Ending balance: \$4,390.57 Move to accept by Andy Erickson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Nouck, unanimous approval.

#### President's Report

- A. Issues and Opportunities Report—Kathie Ebaugh presented. 9 workshops—Invited audience to go online and read over the report: [www.leegov.com/dcd/dar2011](http://www.leegov.com/dcd/dar2011). Let her know if you want to be on the mailing list; look at the report and provide feedback for current information. Two public hearings this Friday and next Tues.
- B. Candidates Political Forum—Same type of forum as two years ago. Will be in middle school; candidates have been invited; July 12, our regular meeting date. Will start at 7, but candidates are invited to be here at 5:30 p.m. Two minutes to speak Mail questions you want answered to Ruby.
- C. Landscaping Hwy 80 from Hickey Creek to Hendry County Line. Patrick Moore is making plans to landscape. Meeting on June 28 with Lee County and state department of transportation to discuss changes, etc. rules for landscaping. Community has opportunity for input and to make changes. We will request native plant materials, especially oak trees. Can't plant trees if speed limit is over 40 mph; we will request permission for oak trees.
- D. North Olga Plan—coming up June 16 before commissioners, 9:30 a.m. at Board of Commissioners. All interested people invited to attend and give comments.
- E. Alva Community Center. We will write letter to Parks and Recreation to find more information about the possible closing of the Alva Community Center.

Community Planning—Jerry Murphy did a power point presentation on the areas to be covered in the Alva Community Plan. He then asked for questions and input from the audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary



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Alva Inc Minutes  
July 12, 2010

#### POLITICAL FORUM

Candidates arrived between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to place information on tables and to talk to members of the community. Approximately 170 people were present.

7:02 p.m. President Daniels invited the community to attend a meeting for input into the Alva Community Plan on July 24, from 9-12 a.m. She then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all who attended that evening.

Bill Redfern then described the procedures to be followed for the candidates' presentations and Andy Erickson was the timekeeper. Included were candidates for the hospital board, the fire district 4, county judge, state senate district 27, the school board, and the board of county commissioners. The school board and county commissioner candidates were given an extra minute to answer question previously submitted to them from Alva Inc. Time was then given for questions from the audience.

The Lec County Elections Supervisor also was there to offer voter registration and was very enthusiastic about participating in our next political forum

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m., but many people stayed to talk more to candidates

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary



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**MINUTES -- ALVA, INC  
9-13-10**

**President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 18 members of the community were present. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone.**

**Secretary Dennis read the minutes from June 14, Mike Stottlemeyer moved to accept, second by Denise Nouck, and unanimously approved. She then read the minutes from July 12, 2010. Mike Stottlemeyer moved to accept. Second by Denise Nouck, and unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer Smith gave an updates on the treasurer's report, with a balance of \$3,100.24 as of September 13, 2010.**

**President Daniels gave an update on results from the Advisory Committee on Landscaping Hwy 80 from Hickey Creek to Hendry County. She reviewed 13 recommendations calling for native plants and planting as many live oaks as possible. Bill Redfern called for a unanimous commendation on the work done by this committee.**

**Jim Green nominated John Hawkins to become a new member of the Alva, Inc Board of Directors. Bill Redfern seconded the motion, and he was unanimously approved.**

**Community Planner Jerry Murphy handed out copies of the North Olga Community Plan along with an item-by-item comparison of proposed objectives and policies between this plan and the Alva, Inc. Attendees were invited to take the information home to study and bring back questions or comments at our next regular meeting.**

**President Daniels pointed out announcements of upcoming important community events on the agenda.**

**The winning number for the fund raiser was 386314 and \$35.00 was added to our treasury.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Connie Dennis, Secretary**



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**Minutes**  
**Oct. 11, 2010**

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. 44 members of the community were present. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a warm welcome to everyone.

Secretary Dennis read the minutes from Sept. 13, 2010. Sue Shumaker moved to accept, second by Emily Smith, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Smith gave an update on the treasurer's report, with a balance of \$2,939.54 as of Oct. 11. Mike Stottlemeyer moved to accept, second by Denise Nouck, and unanimously approved.

**President's Report.**

**Landscaping Hwy 80 from Hickey Creek to Hendry County—draft went before Road Landscape Advisory Committee (RLAC). They gave recommendations for types of plants and creating hammocks. The full Alva Inc. Highway Advisory Committee met Sept. 9 and went over the suggestions.**

**Alva Museum/Library went before Board of County Commissioners. Zoning changed to community facility to allow garden club to make improves on the facility to better serve the community.**

**We had a debate on Amendment 4 regarding Hometown Democracy. Wayne Daltry argued “for” passing the amendment, and Wayne Krise argued against passing it. The members of the community then asked questions of the two debaters.**

**Alva Community Planner Jerry Murphy did a slide presentation on New Horizon 2035 that is re-evaluated every 7 years. He gave the website [leegov.com/dcd/ear2011](http://leegov.com/dcd/ear2011) for anyone who wants to read the complete report. Questions and comments followed the presentation.**

**President Daniels pointed out announcements of upcoming important community events on the agenda.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Connie Dennis, Secretary**



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Alva INC Meeting Minutes  
11-8-10

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a warm welcome to everyone.

Secretary Dennis read the minutes from October 11. Ed Kimball moved to accept the minutes, Denise Nouck moved to accept, and they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Smith gave an update on the treasurer's report, with a balance of \$2,986.32 as of Nov. 8. Bill Redfern moved to approve the report, Jim Green seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

President Daniels introduced Richard Vierra who informed us of his intentions to have a riverside restaurant/marina in the building that is next to the Alva Post Office. Phase One includes an extensive menu geared towards boaters. Phase 2 includes a place for parking, native plants for landscaping with input from Alva Inc, rentals, and benches facing the river. Phase 3 includes a full service marina with fuel, souvenirs, flavored coffee, and serving as a destination for locals and non-locals. He then opened the floor for questions and suggestions.

President Daniels then introduced Bill Hammond who expressed his concern about restoration of the Caloosahatche River and explained how the possible use of county funds to build a C43 reservoir could help in this restoration.

Lee County Planner Kathie Ebaugh reported that the North Olga group is actively involved in their plan and expressed her desire that the two groups will support one another. She then addressed questions from the audience.

John Hawkins and Denise Houck carefully reviewed the bylaws for Alva Inc and suggested a few modifications. Jim Green moved to accept these changes, seconded by Mike Stottlemeyer, and unanimously approved.

Community Planner Jerry Murphy presented the latest Alva Planning Community Plan. Jim Green made a motion to transmit the manuscript to the county for approval, Bill Redfern seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

President Daniels told us that in order to pursue the completion of a Wayside Park by the Alva Diner, we need a master plan that would break into phases and give the total costs of the project. It will cost \$750 to pay for the plan, but we have an anonymous donor who will donate \$500 for the project. Paul Furbay made the motion to accept this offer and for Alva Inc to donate the remaining \$250. Denise Houck seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

President Daniels informed the group of the Board of Directors meeting on November 23, and the potluck dinner meeting for Alva Inc on December 14. Respectfully submitted, Connie Dennis, Sec



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Alva INC Meeting Minutes  
12-13-10

Members and guests starting coming to the meeting at 7:00 with an array of delicious dishes that were put on the table. After everyone finished eating, President Daniels said we had a few important things to discuss.

Alva Fire Department Chief Tiner shared his concerns about the possible removal of a trained professional who deals with emergency medical situations on all calls by the fire department. The situation was discussed and members were concerned that the citizens in the Alva district would not have the quality of service that other districts that are closer to town have. B. Redfern made a motion, seconded by C. Dennis, to have President Daniels contact Commissioner Mann to have him check into the situation. The motion was unanimously approved.

The second item on the agenda was a concern about the discharge of animal waste, sewage, and fertilizer runoff that creates green slime in Florida's lakes and rivers. President Daniels gave the phone number of Senator Nelson to contact him to notify him of our concerns about this issue.

President Daniels notified us of a highway meeting that she will attend on January 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary



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**Minutes  
Alva, Inc**

**February 14, 2011**

**Call to order by President Daniels at 7:08 p.m.**

**No Minutes—next time**

**Treasurer's report--\$3,018.27 currently in the treasury. Move to approve by S. Whitcomb, second by M. Stottlemyer, unanimously approved.**

**Alva Community Plan—Dr. J. Murphy reported that it has been submitted to the county and we are waiting for comments.**

**Now working on the Land Development Code that was approved in 2009; he talked about how it focused on the Alva village and was looking to build off the ongoing plan; Kathie Ebaugh was introduced to answer questions.**

**Jim Green shared information on EAR (Evaluation and Assessment Report). It was unanimously approved and sent to County Commissioners this morning. A few questions had asked about the rural definition and urban growth boundary. Then several Alva Inc members voiced concerns about being included in the North Olga territory when they didn't want to be. Kathie explained that further cooperation and planning will take place.**

**Ruby then said that there be no change as of present regarding the job of the trained medical person assisting the Alva Fire District, and she invited everyone to attend their barbecue on Feb. 20. She then reported that 20/20 is considering the purchase of 650 acres of Persimmon Ridge Property that borders on the Bob James Preserve; We have had a preliminary meeting on the Alva Wayside Park Master Plan and the committee is very pleased with the plan. There's no change in the existence of the Alva Post Office as of this date. Ruby then announced upcoming community meetings, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Connie Dennis, Secretary.**



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**Minutes  
Alva, Inc  
March 14, 2011**

**President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, she then welcomed everyone for their attendance.**

**Secretary Dennis read the minutes from the Feb. 14, 2011, meeting. Sue Shoemaker moved to accept the minutes, Bill Redfern seconded, and they were unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer Smith itemized expenditures and income with a remainder of \$2,666.57 in the treasury.**

**Dr. Jerry Murphy, planner for Alva Inc, Alexis Crespo, planner for North Olga, and county planner Kathie Ebaugh, presented an overview of the community plan. The agenda was for the meeting was to view and have input on a suggested vision statement, goals, and objectives for the proposed Northeast Lee County composed of North Olga and Alva, Inc. Alva Inc. did not accept the draft for the Northeast Lee County Planning District at this time.**

**However, a great deal of discussion ensued, mostly regarding unhappiness by residents feeling they were “forced” into not living in the Alva community anymore. They also voiced dissatisfaction with the methods employed in the makeup of the North Olga governing panel, the way meetings are run, and the lack of language that controls density increases in their proposed plan. Ed Pritchard handed out and read a list of 16 reasons why he does not want to be included in the North Olga group. A resolution of four Alva residents who live in the contested area of North Olga was read aloud by Denise Houck. The document declared eight reasons why they are unhappy with a division of the Alva community, and requested that this document be included in the minutes. This document will be available as part of the minutes on the Alva Inc. website.**

**Deb Arnason from the Alliance for Renewable Energy then presented information on the success of incorporating solar energy in Europe and appealed to interested members of the community to contact the Florida legislators for more support of renewable energy.**

**John Hawkins agreed to represent Alva Inc. on the Caloosahatchee Regional Park Public Hearing.**

**President Daniels reported on the 20/20 Conservation Purchase of Persimmon Ridge Property; she said it passed all the committees, and will be before the county commissioners for a vote on April 17, 2011.**

**President Daniels then announced upcoming community meetings, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**



We Western Alva residents, who have been active in our community and in our community's planning efforts, make the following declarations concerning a proposal to split the Alva planning district into two separate parts:

1. We strongly prefer that Alva not be divided into a "North Olga" planning district and an Alva planning district. Alva has planned and continues to plan more than adequately for all the citizens of Alva from Hwy 31 to the Hendry County line. Any division weakens and confuses the attempt to keep the region relatively pristine as compared to the congestion and urbanization and suburbanization of much of Lee County.

2. We deny that Alva and Western Alva (AKA "North Olga") are two distinct communities. They are so similar that division only drives an artificial wedge between one community at the Caloosahatchee Regional park line. Instead of dividing this unified community, county staff and the Board of County Commissioners should be helping to foster connectivity for all of Alva through scenic status for Hwy 78, common walking trails, horse trails and bike paths, and facilitation of all Alva citizens in the planning process. This is best accomplished by utilizing the Alva Community Plan for the entire region in the 33920 zip code area.

3. If staff and the Board of County Commissioners insist on this artificial division due to political pressures from one group of individuals then every effort must be made to foster the common goals of the citizens of all Alva. Alva and the North Olga Planning Panel must work in unison on any development project that effects the so called Northeast Lee County region. Those goals would include the following points.

4. Both planning groups would have to include clear language that forbids density increases. Clustering is essential.

5. Both planning groups should allow residents and property owners in the area on their governing boards. Meetings must be democratic, transparent, and well communicated in advance. A spirit of inclusiveness and cooperation is essential. The real wishes of the majority of the people MUST always prevail. Minutes must be kept and Roberts Rules of Order observed.

6. Statements in the North Olga plan that exempt development of less than 100 acres from scrutiny must be abandoned. ALL development should be scrutinized.

7. Alva and "North Olga" would have to assign at least one officer to closely communicate all development plans with each other in advance. This would be a major RESPONSIBILITY of each group.

Respectfully submitted,

\*John F. Hawkins

\*Denise Houck

\*William Redfern, Jr.

\*Michael Stottlemeyer

\*These individuals all live in the Western Alva contested area referred to as "North Olga" and are current and active members of the Alva, Inc. planning group. They were all elected into their office by a majority of the members at various Alva, Inc. meetings. "North Olga" has long enjoyed heavy representation from the Western Alva region from the Caloosahatchee Regional Park west to Hwy. 31 and north of the Caloosahatchee River.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary



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**Minutes  
Alva, Inc  
April 11, 2011**

**President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, she then welcomed everyone for their attendance.**

**Secretary Dennis read the minutes from the March. 14, 2011, meeting. John Hawkins moved to accept the minutes, Mike Stottlemeyer seconded, and they were unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer Smith itemized expenditures and income with a remainder of \$1,646.57 in the treasury. Denise Houck moved to accept the report, Jim Green seconded, and they were unanimously approved.**

**Lee County Planner Kathie Ebaugh went over the Northeast Lee County Vision Statement, goal, objectives, and policies one by one, noting changes that had been made since the last draft with explanations for those changes. She also took questions and observations from participants and gave her e-mail for people who had any further questions or suggestions to contact her.**

**The Alva Community Plan was then passed out to be read independently. April 30, 2011, was the date selected for participants to meet to go over the plan with observations and suggestions, and then to vote on acceptance of both the Northeast Lee County Plan and the Alva Community Plans. The meeting will be at the Alva Community Center at 9:30 a.m., with coffee and donuts provided.**

**John Hawkins reported on the Caloosahatchee Regional Park Public Hearing as the representative from Alva, Inc. He said that the projected zip line for the park was rejected by the committee, but the other parts of the plan were accepted. For example, mud cutters and equestrian trails were changed and the stewardship plan was accepted.**

**Bill Redfern from Western Alva stated his reasons for not wanting to be included as part of the North Olga Planning Community: lack of representation on the governing board and from the community on issues discussed, as well as vagueness on density issues.**

**Denise Houck invited everyone to participate in the Relay for Life that will take place May 20 at Riverdale High School at 6 p.m.**

**President Daniels then announced upcoming community meetings, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Connie Dennis, Secretary**