

# Alva Inc. Board of Directors Meeting January 28, 2010

A Board of Directors meeting was held Thursday January 28 7:00PM at the Mother of God House of Prayer. President Ruby Daniels called the meeting to order. In attendance were 10 people.

The January Community Planning Kick-Off meeting was considered a success. A roadmap was established by Dr. Jerry Murphy with strong community attendance.

Bill Redfern and Julianne Thomas of The Conservancy led discussion on the North Olga Plan, lack of community support, and a plethora of legal issues with the plan as submitted. Julianne Thomas volunteered to present their issues with the North Olga Plan at the February general meeting.

Jim Green reported on the newly-established LPA repository for emails received by LPA Members on subjects that the LPA will conduct hearings and vote on. People can request these documents by contacting the County Attorney's Office.

The raffle fundraiser netted about \$1,847.00 after expenses!

Steve Brodkin reported Debbie Jackow's plans to run for BOCC, and the recommendation to oppose the Babcock Road Comp Plan Amendment in early March.

Janet Tripp reported on the community opposition to the proposed Calusa Palms 63 acre marina/hotel/etc. complex proposed at SR 31 and the Caloosahatchee River.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green, Secretary



# Alva Inc. Board of Directors Meeting February 25, 2010

A Board of Directors meeting was held Thursday March 25 7:00PM at the Mother of God House of Prayer. President Ruby Daniels called the meeting to order. Bill Redfern led the invocation. In attendance were 10 people.

President Daniels had been contacted by Norm Walker regarding permitting issues of the Parkinson Road Church. The board supports the church permitting without road widening, curbs and paved parking.

Political Forum: Date was discussed. To be scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.

Caloosa 80 BOD Hearing: Scheduled for 9:30 Monday March 1, BOCC Chambers.

Babcock/ SFWMD/ Lee County Settlement: Hearing scheduled for 9:30 Tuesday March 2, BOCC Chambers. County Attorney recommends settlement. Alva Inc. recommends permit not be issued until historical studies have been completed. Bayshore and RGMC oppose current settlement.

Community Planning meeting signage: Six roadside signs have been purchased. They will be displayed throughout the Community Planning Area to advertise the March Planning meeting.

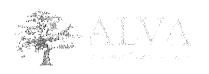
North Olga Plan: North Olga /Alva residents met with North Olga Planners. No N. O. board members were present. Ms. Crespo informed all reference to increased density and commercial are to be removed. Discussion occurred on the lack of community involvement/awareness and the desire to maintain one Community Planning Area. There will be a public meeting on the plan March 11, 7PM, Bayshore Firehouse.

March 8 Community Planning Meeting: President Daniels requested all present call ten people to invite them to the meeting, keep a log of the calls made, and provide her with a copy for our records.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green, Secretary



# Alva Inc. Board of Directors Meeting March 25, 2010

A Board of Directors meeting was held Thursday March 25 7:00PM at the Mother of God House of Prayer. President Ruby Daniels called the meeting to order. In attendance were 7 people.

The Alva Inc. Political Candidate Forum is schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup>. President Daniels is going to investigate the fee charged by the school.

Babcock Ranch and FDOT signed an agreement February 18 2010 to four-lane SR 31. The construction must start by December 31 2015. Rob and Jerry cited a planning study that demonstrated a new road (e.g., an east-west expressway) is 16 times more effective than doubling the width of an existing road.

North Olga (Alva) resident John Hawkins sent a letter to LPA members stating his objections to the North Olga plan. Connie suggested he also forward it to the News-Press.

Community Planning: Jerry and Rob are assembling a "shopping list" of objectives (broad topics) that have been adopted by other Lee planning communities, including the previously-submitted Alva Standards of Development. These will be presented at the April 12 planning meeting for community input and discussion.

A MPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2PM at the Regional Planning Council Building on Victoria Street. East –West Expressway may be discussed.

Discussion occurred on the litigation Mr. Jim English has initiated opposing the Babcock Ranch SFWMD permit. Board members continue in their recommendation to delay permit issuance until completion of the Kitson-agreed historic natural conditions and hydrological model. The issue of Alva Inc. entering the litigation was raised. After careful consideration, the following motion was made and carried: As a matter of policy, Alva Inc. shall not become a party in the litigation of others.

Community Planning meeting signage: Six roadside signs were purchased and displayed throughout the Community Planning Area to advertise the March Planning meeting. All served well and survived except one that was run over by a vehicle in the North Olga area.

A motion was made and carried to purchase a hard drive to be used for archiving Alva Inc. documents.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



### Alva Inc. Board of Directors Meeting April 22, 2010

A Board of Directors meeting was held Thursday April 22 5:30PM on the creekside patio at the Mother of God House of Prayer. "Twas a beautiful Alva Evening complete with delectable nourishment followed by Connie's exquisite carrot cake. After the respite, President Ruby Daniels woke us and called the meeting to order. In attendance were 6 people.

Minutes of the March meeting were summarized and approved.

The Alva Inc. Political Candidate, Forum is schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup>. The newly- enacted high fees charged by the school will drain the Alva Inc. bank account. We shall ask candidates for a non-binding donation of \$25.00 to defray expenses. The secretary needs to work on invitations. The board needs to find the old forum signs and have them updated.

Historic Alva photos will be displayed at the forum and neighbors will be asked if they can identify the settings and people.

North Olga Plan: After receiving the draft staff report, the applicant postponed the LPA Hearing until May.

EAR Hearing: Held April 13<sup>th</sup> at Riverdale Library. Ideas/concerns were heard and put on the record.

EPA Nutrient Hearing: Thanks to Marti Daltry's organization and participation by many, the EPA has heard local concerns loudly and clearly.

Community Planning: Jerry noted the "winds of change" at both the county and state level for planning to preserve rural areas and focus growth in urban areas. He cited HB 697 as an example. The Board approved his visit to Tallahassee to listen and input. Draft policy language for the objectives approved at the April Alva meeting will be presented at the May meeting.

Meeting with Ms. Kathie Ebaugh, Lee Community Planning Manager, scheduled for April 27 10 AM at the Jim Green Realty office.

Landscape SR 80: Planning has begun for the area from Hickey Creek to the Hendry County Line. Alva will be providing input to Mr. Pat Moore of LDOT

Call for Photos: Secretary Jim Green asked all to provide favorite Alva photos for a much-needed web-site spruce-up.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green, Secretary

Alva Inc. Board Meeting May 27, 2010

Attendance: J. Green, D. Houck, M. Stottlemyer, J. Pilewski, R. Daniels, C. Dennis, R. Andys, J. Murphy

Call to Order 7:14 a.m. after watermelon snack

- 1. <u>Minutes</u> from April 22, 2010 were read. M. Stottlemyer moved to accept minutes as read, D. Houck seconded, and unanimous approval.
- 2. <u>LPA Hearing</u>, May 24 was reviewed. Hearing started before 8:30 a.m. and section involving North Olga began at 2:00. The North Olga lawyer had to leave at 5:00, and so the meeting was adjourned until June 7. Discussion centered about what to do at the next LPA meeting. Meeting with county commissioners will be June 16.
- 3. Candidates Forum (July 12). 36 candidates participated in our past forum. R. Daniels read off the names of possible candidates for the upcoming forum. R. Andys will take care of having banners made advertising the forum. Discussed various places to place banners 2 weeks before the forum. Four to six banners should be enough. Could include a poster of our community plan to that point.
- 4. <u>Landscape 80</u>. G. Austen, J. Murphy and M. Dove have volunteered to be on committee for planning for landscaping highway 80. Wish list for "not mowing" wild flowers was a major concern for R. Daniels.
- 5. <u>Alva Middle School Citizenship Award—R.</u> Andys motioned to approve selecting two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students outstanding in citizenship over 3 years in middle school to receive this award, as well as \$25.00 and one year's family membership in Alva, Inc. M. Stottlemyer seconded, unanimous approval.. M Stottlemyer volunteered to donate the \$50.00 to give the students..
- 6. <u>Summer Intern</u> —R. Andys made motion, M. Stottlemyer seconded, to accept Emma Racila as an intern for Alva, Inc. Unanimous approval.
- 7. Community Planning—J. Murphy handed out goals, objectives and policies, part 2, for us to examine. J. Murphy will plan for an hour presentation using a power point at our next regular meeting. We will try to have a workshop on July 17 (or July 24) for increased community input. We will plan on a meeting of business owners on June 21 at 3:00 p.m. to share tentative plans and make suggestions. Meeting place has yet to be determined.
- 8. Member Concerns—R. Andys showed us "My Book" hard drive that we purchased to record all previous information compiled about Alva, Inc..
- 9. <u>Important Dates</u> for June were presented.

Adjournment at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Dennis Secretary



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Alva, Inc. Board Meeting June 24, 2010

Attendance: J. Pilewski, C. Dennis, R. Andrys, D. Nouck, W. Redfern. J. Green. J. Murphy, R. Daniels, M, Stottlemeyer Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Invocation by W. Redfern
- 2. Minutes from May 27. Denise moved to accept, second by W. Redfern, unanimous approval
- 3. Candidates Forum. 13 have accepted so far. Ruby is concerned about possible attendance. Members must develop a list of questions to submit to the candidates. These will be sent to participants in advance. Board members should wear name tags to identify ourselves as board members. Sign, \$235, Jim moves, Connie second, unanimous approval. Need newsletter out by July 5 to inform community of forum.
- 4. Landscape Highway 80—Discussion included oak trees, native plants, irrigation, striped crosswalk, wildflower growing program, replacement of oaks on Broadway they tore out, and question of ownership of the small park beside the Alva Diner. Meeting will take place with DOT on June 28 to discuss our concerns.
- 5. Financial disclosure Form—get done by June 30
- 6. Hard Drive Data Storage—Connie will include current information as it is sent
- 7. Workshop, July 24, 2010. Community Center from 9-12. We will go through the entire document.
- 8. Business Owners Meeting. Discussed a leave of absence for B. J. Gerald instead of electing a new vice president. Jim Green made a motion that we do this, Bill Redfern seconded the motion and unanimous approval.
  - 9. Community Plan. Jerry will continue to work on it. We will invite the community to attend the July 24 workshop at the Candidates Forum. We will soon submit the plan to county planning.
  - 10. Important dates for upcoming events were given by R. Daniels.
  - 11. Adjournment 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Alva Inc. Secretary



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Alva INC BOD Minutes July 22, 2010

Attendance: R. Andrys, D. Nouck, J. Green, J. Murphy, R. Daniels, M. Stottlemeyer, E. Smith

- 1. Call to Order. R. Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- 2. Farewell to Rob Andrys, who will move to North Carolina. We had cake and presented a plaque of appreciation. He had a few words of advice for Alva Inc's community plan, such as to be sure that any development should never be closer than 25 feet from the edge of the flood plain. No variances should be allowed. He also advised that any structures already in the flood plain can be added to by no more than half, and no new structures will be permitted. We want to encourage churches to be in the village area so that businesses can use their parking lots and be given money and businesses don't have to pay taxes. We need to specify the size of our plaza and be sure it is large enough. M. Stottlemeyer made a motion to include the wording on the plaque in the minutes, E. Smith seconded, unanimous approval. (See following page).
- 3. Minutes from June 24, 2010. J. Green moved to accept with amendment of adding "electronic sign" to item 3, E. Smith seconded, unanimous approval. J. Green then moved to change the amount needed for the sign to \$285, M. Stottlemeyer seconded, unanimous approval.
- 4. Candidates Forum/Comments. 170 were in attendance. Board members commented on how well the event went and applauded R. Daniels for all her hard work. Next time we will emphasize that our forum is non-partison, will try to get more publicity such as radio stations; need more participation to take some of the load off President Daniels.
- 5. The committee for Landscape of Highway 80 will meet at the Alva Diner at 1:30 p.m. on July 24.
- 6. The hearing for the Alva Museum/Library Rezoning was on July 14 and passed. Matt Noble was present and supportive of chaning its designation from residential to a community facility. It now must go before the county commissioners for approval.
- 7. J. Green reported that the meeting with the business interests went well and attendees were supportive of the tentative community plan.
- 8. Workshop, July 24, 2010. Wants to focus on land development code updates. Will concentrate on "Rural Village Mixed Use Overlay" document
- 9. We will discuss the bylaws for Alva Inc at our next meeting.
- 10. President Daniels will not be present at our next general meeting. J. Green made a motion to have B. Redfern chair the meeting, C. Dennis seconded, and unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Alva Inc Secretary

# A FOND AND REGRETFUL FAREWELL TO

#### Dear Rob:

Your parting is bittersweet for Alva – we understand the personally progressive move you are making, but you will be sorely missed by your community.

It was your vision and energy that provided the guiding light to prepare for Alva's future. Your creativity was instrumental in developing the concepts. You helped us envision by dedicating your time and talent to sketching the possible results. Thank you.

It has been a difficult road — you have suffered abuse and been figuratively kicked in the teeth by opponents. When others were bowing to the pressure and leaving, you stood still, tall, and alone. We commend you, and thank you.

It has not gone unnoticed that your outspoken stand to protect the tranquility and beauty of Alva came at a price to your profession as an architect. I can think of no stronger statement to your character – you did the right thing and quietly suffered the financial consequences. Thank you.

Enjoy your future knowing you are loved and respected by your friends in Alva.

With Best Wishes and Fondest Regards,

**Ruby Daniels** 

President



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Call to Order called at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from 7-22-10. J. Green moved to accept. E. Smith seconded, unanimous approval

Landscape Hwy 80 Meeting will be September 7, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. before an advisory committee at the Public Works building

By Laws—M. Sttotlemeyer and E. Smith will review the present bylaws and make recommendations to the board, and then take them to the general meeting

Board Members—We now have six board members; we need at least two more board members. J. Green made a motion to explore inviting a member of the North Olga Planning group to the Alva Inc board of direction. E. Green seconded, unanimous approval.

# Community Planning-

Alva Inc meeting—M. Stottlemeyer said that Noble and Ebaugh emphasized that we should have a single set of plans. If not, then politicians would not support any kind of development in North Olga. Subgoals could be listed under one plan.

North Olga Planning Panel . GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF Alexis, Matt, Cathy, and Jerry met later DISCUSSION ENSUED

Home Town Democracy—land use can be changed with vote. Would like to have someone talk to our community about this; two people to show both sides of issue (Amendment 4)

Member Concerns

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Dennis, Secretary



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# Minutes Board of Directors 9-23-2010

Start at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Murphy, Billl Redfern, Jim Green, John Hawking, Denise Houck, Connie Dennis, Ruby Daniels

Welcome to John Hawking as our new member on our Board of Directors Innocation by Bill Redfern

Minutes, Jim Green moved to accept, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval

Matt Noble and Kathie Ebaugh met with North Olga for discussion; another meeting was scheduled for a followup.

President Daniels suggested that we invite members of community organizations to be on the Alva Inc board of directors.

--Highway 80 Meeting—discussion centered around selection of plants; must meet Florida regulations; will use natives as much as possible. We will put down what we want and then select alternatives if needed. We will together throughout the process. Wildflower mowing program will be implemented hopefully.

Sign—"Welcome to Lee County—Alva" at the bottom monument sign. Will have plants around the sign.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Ruby will meet with Parks and Rec to draw up a plan for the small park outside the Alva Diner.

By Laws. Denise; need to be a registered voter; be a paid member to vote; have paid membership at a set time; support our vision statement. Associate membership; residents=own property or reside in Alva. John & Denise will work on Section One and rewrite it.

Community Planning. J. Murphy handed out the North Olga Community Plan for comparison of the two plans. The North Olga plan does not appear to have the depth of the Alva Community Plan.

We will meet for informational workshop – date pending.

Hometown democracy. Ruby having difficulty finding speakers

Member Concerns. Advertising size of print for newsletter may shrunk. Could be an Alva sponsor with a link to your website

--Fundraiser should be started now.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.



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Minutes Alva Inc Board of Directors Meeting 10-28-2010

Attendance: Ruby Daniels, Jerry Murphy, Danielle Handy, John Hawkins, Denise Houck, Connie Dennis, William Redfern, Jim Green, Mike Stottlemeyer

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Invocation by B. Redfern

Minutes from 9-23-10 were read. D. Houck moved to accept. J. Hawkins seconded, unanimous approval

President Daniels brought the following to the discussion table:

Wayside Park Conceptual Master Plan Proposal. With concept plan, water could be run into the park and trees planted. Concept plan will cost \$750. Ruby suggested a plan that shows each stage that needs to be done along with an estimate of the costs.

C. Dennis moved to develop the concept plan and then take the proposal to the next general Alva Inc Meeting. J. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion included not making a commitment to fund the entire project. We may ask for donations and to Alva, Inc., with a designation for the Wayland Park fund.

R. Daniels gave dates, time and places for important future meetings for community organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Alva Inc Secretary



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### Minutes BOD 1-11-11

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation by B.Redfern
Caloosahatchee Regional Park—John Hawkins volunteered to represent Alva, Inc at their
February and March meetings
Mike Stottlemeyer volunteered to be an alternate

Oak Park Club House is celebrating opening of newly renovated Club House Jan. 23, 2-5 p.m. Program starts at 2, and then refreshments. Mike Stottlemeyer and Emily Smith volunteered to attend to represent Alva Inc.

Riverside Café—Richard Vierra's plan for paint is mustardy gold and dark brown trim for the marina building. Picket rail fence is recommended. We'll show him the comp plan and that might help him pick colors as possible choices. Ruby may take him on a tour of Alva to get further ideas of what complements Alva.

President Daniels will write a letter to Paul O'Connor expressing our concerns regarding having an opportunity to meet with the North Olga Planning Panel.

Chuck Mayhugh would like a Homeowner's association for Telegraph Creek that might assist in getting help from the county to improve their road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis Secretary



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# Minutes BOD 1-27-11

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation by B.Redfern
Minutes from 1-11-11; motion to approve by Jim Green as amended, second by D. Houck, and unanimous approval.

Ruby distributed a draft of a letter to Paul O'Connor to review regarding the lack of communication between North Olga and Alva Inc. Concensus of the board found it acceptable to send to Paul O'Connor with the addition of sending copies to the LPA members.

Community Planning—Jerry Murphy presented copies of the "Proposed Northeast Lee County Vision Statement" for review. Discussion indicated that the board members were not pleased with the divison and name (Northeast Lee County), without any cooperative meetings between Alva Inc and the North Olga group.

President's Reports. Ruby e-mailed a copy of the draft for New Horizon 2030 and encouraged everyone to read it, especially the sections on rural land. She passed around a letter from Coco and Steven Brown informing us of their current activities. Pat Moore informed Ruby that we will need to make some changes in the current plan for landscaping Highway 80. Ruby will e-mail a copy of the concept plan for the Wayside Park and we will discuss the development of the master plan at our next meeting. J. Green made a motion to support the Ceitus Boatlift plans, with a second by B. Redfern, and unanimous approval.

Jim Green shared that representatives from FGCU will give a presentation on future development plans at the next LPA meeting (Jan. 31), and invited everyone to attend to come to the meeting to give their opinions on the projected New Horizon 2030. He also shared a letter from a citizen who would like Alva Inc. to give support for celebrating Halloween only on Saturdays. She will be invited to attend our regular monthly Alva Inc. meeting and share her concerns.

Ruby then reported important dates for upcoming events and M. Stottlemyer reported on the success of the newly renovated Oak Park Club House that he and Emily attended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary



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# ALVA INC BOD Meeting

2-24-11

Call to order at 7:06 p.m. We had a moment of silence for the Matt Noble Family. We then voted to send \$200.00 from Alva Inc for the educational fund of the children.

Minutes for 1-27-11 were read. E. Smith moved to accept the minutes, J. Green seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Community Planning. After much discussion, the board voted on strengthening the bridge with North Olga with unified goals from both plans.

Jerry Kerrick wants to organize a group to organize the arts locally and call it "Arts for the Inland." More discussion will follow.

Ruby gave the dates for our next Alva Inc general meeting (3-14-11) and the next Alva Inc BOD meeting (3-24-11).

A Member Concern was to find ways to publicly recognize Alva veterans. Further discussion on ways to do this will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary

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