

Minutes of Alva Inc. August 13, 2007

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 23 people.

The Secretary's summary of the June 11 meeting was presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's report stated a previous balance of \$5,361.62 with additions of \$585.00, and expenditures of \$1,476.05 resulting in a current balance of \$4,470.57, and was accepted.

The Treasurer recommended purchasing accounting software for Alva Inc. A motion was made to purchase Quickbooks Premium for Non-profits at a cost of \$399.95. Motion carried.

President's Report:

1. Alva Diner: There is a zoning request pending to change from AG2 to commercial. Alva Inc. has no objection
2. Property Adjacent to Handy: Owner is preparing site plan to rezone 3.4 acres from AG to commercial and has agreed to incorporate the suggestions that were provided by Alva Inc. Existing oak trees are a concern. A revised site plan is pending.
3. Moby Dick/Tom's Restaurant: A zoning request is pending to add 2.85 acres AG land to adjacent commercial and allow a restaurant, bank and office building. Alva Inc.'s concern is preservation of the large oak tree. Hearing Examiner's meeting will be 9:30 am August 23, 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers. All are encouraged to attend.
4. **Commissioner Meeting on Amazing Grace-Persimmon Ridge**. The Lee County Hearing Examiner completed her report and recommended approval of the project with 45 units on 250 acres, concluding it was compatible with the rural community with no negative impact. Alva Inc.'s position on this project is opposition to density higher than one unit per 10 acres. Key reasons for opposition are traffic increase and belief the proposed lakes will drain the wetlands. **The Board of County Commissioners will meet 9:30 am Monday August 20. All Alva residents are encouraged to attend and wear Alva colors and shirts to show support to the position of density no higher than 1 unit per 10 acres.** Although speaking may be limited to those who spoke at the Hearing Examiner's Meeting, a packed room of appropriately-clad Alva people could be a major factor in convincing the Board to support Alva Inc.'s position.
5. Broadlands: There is a development request pending on 400 acres at Telegraph Creek. Lee Plan allows one unit per acre. Alva Inc. desires to meet with the developer and provide input to their planning. No meeting is currently scheduled.
6. Conservation 20/20: Rodger Clark of Lee County 20/20 presented. Recent acquisitions include 10.5 acres for \$1.2 million west of Bateman Road

adjacent to Hickey Creek Mitigation Park, and 200 acres for \$7.1M near Joel and Tuckahoe. An additional 300 acres near Greenbrier is under consideration. Conservation 20/20 has purchased 18,600 acres since 1997 at a price of \$156M.

7. Bonita Bay: Alva Inc. has added support to the possibility of Conservation 20/20 purchasing land from Bonita Bay. Susan Watts is the new Vice President for east Lee County,
8. Planning Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for 7 PM Thursday August 30 at the Mother of God House of Prayer. The Draft Development Standards (5/30/07) will be discussed. All are encouraged to attend.

Vice President's Report:

1. Alva Community Plan: It is on the agenda for the September LPA meeting, time and place to be announced. All are encouraged to attend to support adoption of the plan.
2. Lee County Planning will be provided the names of Rob Andrys and the Alva Inc. Officers as points of contact for Alva area planning information.

Legislative Update: Rescheduled to September 5.

Proposed Green Learning Center: (20150 N. River Road) – Stan Corwin presented. Lee Commissioners have been approached suggesting the County purchase the land and improvements with encouraging results. Stan asked letters of support be sent to Commissioner Mann

West Hendry Area Plan: Jim Green reported: SFWMD has objected to the Hendry County proposed "West Hendry Area" Land Use Map changes, stating the changes would allow a population of over 100,000 people and 71 million square feet of commercial space in the West Hendry area. Alva will feel a significant impact from the growth in the West Hendry area. A news article with additional information is available through Jim or Ruby.

Membership: Heidi Gurbarg volunteered to participate in membership recruitment activities. Ruby will try to get a committee organized.

Possible Development: B J Gerald mentioned a possible development in planning on 80 acres at Bateman and SR 80.

CR 78 Truck Traffic: Concern was raised about the new truck traffic on CR78 resulting from the SR 31 bridge closure to truck traffic. "Thru Truck Traffic" is not permitted on CR-78

Meeting adjourned.