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Minutes of Alva Inc Member Meeting of November 12, 2007

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 13 people.
2. Guest Speaker was Ms. Marti Daltry, Regional Community Organizer, Sierra Club. Ms. Daltry described the correlation between fertilizer (specifically the nitrogen and phosphorus content) runoff and algae blooms in our river and costal area, and the need for a fertilizer ordinance to reduce improper and excessive use of fertilizer by residents. Lee County is considering adoption of such an ordinance. A motion was made and seconded for Alva Inc. to endorse the adoption of a fertilizer ordinance by Lee County. Motion carried.
3. Secretary's Report:
 - a. The Secretary's summary of the October 8 meeting was presented and the minutes were accepted.
 - b. John's Barber Shop, the Twisty-Freeze building at Palm Beach and Buckingham, has relocated (without the Twisty Freeze) ¼ mile east to 14801 Palm Beach Blvd, Suite 301. Stop in and see Gail for a cut.
 - c. North River Village (1,200 acres, 2,500 homes, south of CR 78 and east of SR31): Mr. Matt Noble, AICP, has replaced Brent Cunningham as the Lee County Staff member for Bonita Bay's North River Village project. With respect to the significant exterior road improvements required to accommodate this project, Mr. Noble shared that the county estimates impact fees on the planned 2,500 homes would pay half the cost, Bonita Bay has offered to pay 25%, leaving Lee taxpayers to pay the remaining 25 percent. Mr. Noble also conveyed that Lee Public Safety and Emergency Management's opposition to increasing density in this Costal High Hazard Area will receive significant consideration. He does not envision the project proceeding to the LPA in the near future.
 - d. Commissioner Frank Mann has been seen wearing a 6-inch badge worded "**No Bonita Bay Density Increase In Alva**". President Daniels restated Alva Inc.'s identical position of no density increase.
4. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was out of town. President Daniels reported from the bank statement: Beginning balance: \$4,253.58, ending balance: \$4,212.38. Report accepted.
5. President's Report:
 - A. Vegetative Recycling Center on CR78: Alva Inc. is working with the Fort Denaud Group in opposing this conversion of rural land on North River Road to industrial use. **Heavy truck traffic past Alva School and over the Alva Bridge** are two of many concerns. Hendry Commissioners continued the public hearing to **Tuesday, December 11, 5 PM, Hendry County Board of Commissioners Chambers.**

Please attend and express your opposition! For more information contact Jeannie Horlacher at 863-675-1696.

- B. Alva Community Plan: Alva Inc. met with Lee County staff regarding the plan. Minor changes are in preparation which we believe will send the plan forward to adoption.
- C. Broadlands (400 acres, 400 homes north of CR78 at Telegraph Creek): After receiving a number of invitations from Alva Inc, the developer is now ready to meet. In preparation for meeting with the developer, the Board of Directors and Planning Committee will meet **Thursday, December 6, 7PM, at the Mother of God House of Prayer. All are welcome to attend.** The purpose of this meeting is to itemize numerous concerns based on information in the developer's submission to Lee County and comparison to the *Standards of Development within the Alva Community Planning Area*. The developer will be invited to present his plans at the January general meeting (Monday January 14, 7:15 PM).
- D. Oak Park: Our Oak Park neighbors have been plagued by a zoning violation for a storage area that has long been in use but is not permitted by today's governing code rules. After many attempts to placate the zoning czars with less magnanimous solutions, the Oak Park Board is proposing a new paper subdivision to engulf the storage area, thereby making it code consistent.
- The proposed Oak Park Commons is located on 12 acres just west of the current Oak Park Village. It will have private water and sewer, 31 homes and... a storage area! The plan is consistent with the existing Urban Land Use category that permits densities greater than those proposed.
- The Alva Inc. Board recommended lots 18 through 22 on the plan dated 8-29-2007 be changed to open recreational space, and the homes planned on these lots be relocated to the entrance area, thereby maintaining the same overall density while providing recreational area. Alva Inc. Board further recommended the subdivision be developed consistent with the *Alva Community Plan*, submitted to Lee County in September 2006, and *Standards of Development within the Alva Planning Area*, submitted to Lee County in September 2007.
- A motion was made and seconded that, with incorporation of the above recommendations, Alva Inc. supports the plan. Motion carried.
6. Vice President's Report: Jim had an encounter with two large dogs. The dogs won. We wish him a speedy recovery.
7. East Lee County Association: Greg Blurton of First Bank (Palm Beach Blvd near Publix) is spearheading the establishment of a business/commercial-oriented association for the Palm Beach Boulevard area. Next meeting is Tuesday November 27, 6PM, at First Bank. Contact Greg at 437-8191 or gblurton@fbclew.com for additional information.
8. CR78 Overlay: The kickoff meeting was held November 7 with 22 people in attendance. Rob Andrys chaired the meeting. Ideas were discussed on specifics that would preserve and enhance the rural character and historic aspects of CR 78. The vision is it should remain a two-lane road. Dan

- Delesi, consultant for the Bonita Bay Group, volunteered to draft language expressing the group input, many aspects of which are currently contained in the *Standards of Development within the Alva Planning Area*. The draft language will be circulated to attendees prior to the next meeting (not yet scheduled). All are welcomed to participate.
9. Newsletter & Website: The monthly newsletter is distributed via email and also dropped off at local retailers. If you would like to be added to distribution, please send a note with your email address to Ruby Daniels, Alva, Inc., P.O. Box 2022 Alva FL 33920. Newsletters, meeting minutes, and other current information are also available at our website, www.alvafl.org.
 10. Hometown Democracy: President Daniels is seeking speakers to discuss the pros and cons of the Hometown Democracy initiative. Volunteers, please step forward!
 11. **December Meeting (Monday December 10, 7:15 PM)**: Members are encouraged **to bring holiday goodies**, preferably your favorite homemade ones!

Meeting Adjourned.