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and beauty of Alva
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Minutes of Alva Inc General Meeting of March 10, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President, Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 25 people.

Guest Speakers:

Ms. Sally McPherson and Mr. Terry Bengtsson of the South Florida Water Management District spoke on the history, role and mission of their organization. The District is a regional governmental agency responsible for water quality, flood control, water supply and environmental restoration in 16 counties, from Orlando to the Florida Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The District is managing and protecting the state's water resources on behalf of 7.5 million South Floridians and is the lead agency in restoring America's Everglades – the largest environmental restoration project in the nation's history. More information is available at www.sfwmd.gov. The talk was enlightening and informative and we thank Sally and Terry for spending their evening with us.

Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes of the February meeting, available at www.alvafl.org, were briefly summarized: Amazing Grace is proceeding through the process of possible purchase by Conservation 2020. Realmark has withdrawn their Broadlands rezoning request to Lee County. A motion carried (49 “for”, 3 “opposed”) **that Alva, Inc. oppose any density increase by Bonita Bay on the North River Village property.** Minutes were accepted.
2. The Secretary reported The Bayshore civic association, at their February meeting, voted unanimously to **oppose any density increase by Bonita Bay on the North River Village property.**
3. Attention was called to the plethora of Lee County issues regarding Babcock Ranch and Bayshore's involvement and concern with them. Ed Kimball, ELCC, is considering a community meeting on the subject.
4. The West Hendry Community Council is in the formulative stages to our east. Their goals are similar to Alva Inc.'s.
5. The Oak Park Village proposal, which is supported by Alva Inc., will be heard by the BOCC on Monday March 17.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$5,152.68, receipts of \$390.00, expenditures of \$310.00, ending balance as of March 10: \$5,232.68. Report was accepted. In response to a question, the Treasurer stated there are currently 96 active members.

President's Report:

1. Community Plan: The Alva Community Plan was unanimously embraced by the Lee LPA on February 25. The next step will be a hearing by the BOCC. Alva intends to explore a Scenic Highway designation of North river Road,

and possibly also a Historic designation. Discussion suggested working with the West Hendry organization to consider designation of the eastern part of the road to LaBelle.

2. Amazing Grace Land: The first meeting with the Conservation 2020 Board regarding this purchase was great! – It was noted the property connects to Babcock. Discussed were equestrian and hiking trails, regulated hunting and bird dog field trial areas. More discussions to follow.
3. Vegetative Recycling Plant: (Proposed on North River Road adjacent to the Methodist Church Camp.) The owner is appealing Hendry County's denial of his application.
4. Fertilizer Ordinance: B J Gerald volunteered to report back to the group regarding a conference call arranged by Ms. Daltry on the subject.
5. Nominating Committee: Bill Redfern (williamred2@embarqmail.com) and Ellen Erickson (erickson@coconet.com) graciously volunteered to serve as the nominating committee for vacancies on the Board and Officer slate. **Please contact them if you are willing to serve on the board and/or as an officer.**

Keep Alva Green License Plates:



Come and get'em! Contact Ellen Erickson (erickson@coconet.com) for your purchase or see her at the next meeting. \$5.00 each. Thank you Ellen!

Suntrust Gift to Alva Inc.

A reminder that SunTrust will donate \$100 to Alva Inc. if you open a new account. Stop in and ask for details – and thank you for your contribution!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green
Secretary.