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Membership Meeting May 12, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were about 60 people -standing room only!

Guest Speakers:

Sheriff Mike Scott spoke on challenges and accomplishments of his department. Three significant capital projects are in progress: The new jail on Ortiz to open in August, the new justice center downtown, and an 85,000 square foot evidence facility at Daniels and I75. He took many questions from the floor. He received from those present many thank you's and commendations for jobs well done.

Following the Sheriff's hard act was Charles Bassinet Esquire of the Henderson- Franklin Law Firm and Ms. Jodie Joseph of Morris/Depew Engineering. Mr. Bassinet described the new concept plan for the Caloosa 80 property located at the southeast corner of SR 80 and Bateman Road. The property is 193 acres total, 93 acres designated Rural and zoned Agricultural, and 100 acres designated Urban and zoned RM2. The prior proposed plan was to build 865 dwelling units. The new proposed plan is for a 50 acre lake (20 foot maximum depth) surrounded with 372 units of a Class A motor coach resort and a 12,000 sf clubhouse. (see Attachment 1, Caloosa80 Concept Plan). Units would be 55' x 100' and sell for \$125,000-\$250,000. Sand would be excavated from the site and sold for an estimated 2-3 years to form the lake. Entrance is shown on Bateman Road. Municipal water and on-site wastewater treatment services are intended

Questions and concerns raised: Why not enter from SR80, thereby preserving the rural single-lane ambiance of the well-loved Bateman Road? Otherwise, a Nightmare on Elm Street would result. Turtles, panthers, deer and wild hogs are observed on the property, which is across Bateman from the Hickey Creek Mitigation Park. What will become of the animals? Put the treatment plant far from the edges of the property. Is this a motor coach park or a mining operation? What protection is available to the community to insure the site is properly graded and landscaped after mining, as opposed to a big ugly hole as the remains? Three years, perhaps extending to 6-8 years of dust, dirt and excessive noise spewing into the surrounding homes and properties are objectionable. What impact will the lake have on our supply of well water? More preserve, open space and buffer areas are desirable. Natural buffers as described in the Standards of Development within the Alva Community Planning Area (available at www.alvafl.org) are recommended.

Mr. Bassinet answered many questions and described the rezoning process. He observed Alva folks did not strike him as being shy, and felt they would make their desires well-known. He stated the development team is receptive to hearing their desires. President Ruby thanked the presenters and said the community will get back to them.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the April meeting were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance of \$6,353.31, receipts of \$200.00, expenditures of \$203.07, ending balance of \$ 6,350.24. Report accepted.

President's Report:

1. Fertilizer Ordinance: The state bill to preempt local government from enacting fertilizer ordinances is dead. Commissioners have a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 13.
2. Toxic River (See April minutes for discussion): President Daniels forwarded a letter of concern (Attachment 2) to SFWMD with copies to DEP and Commissioner Mann. Ms. Mary Rawl and Ms. Rae Ann Wessel both responded with concern and offers of assistance.
3. North River Village:
 - a. President Ruby commended Mr. Ed Kimball, President of East Lee County Council, for their letter (Attachment 3) to the BOCC. The letter states ELCC's opposition to any density increase by Bonita Bay on the North River Village property, and to creation of the proposed "River Village" land use category. Mr. Kimball spoke to summarize ELCC's reasons for opposition and offered copies of a petition (Attachment 4) for signature by those present. He further encouraged all to take copies of the petition, request signatures, and return to him for presentation to the Commissioners. **Please print copies of the attached petition, solicit signatures, and return to the address on the form!**
 - b. President Ruby made available a Lee Staff letter (Attachment 5) to Bonita Bay regarding Staff's opposition to density increase, citing instead language in the Lee Plan that density decrease is appropriate due to the high hazard of flooding in the area. **Bonita Bay has delayed the LPA hearing beyond the June meeting in order to respond.**
 - c. President Ruby commended The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Mr. Steven Brown in particular for their letter (Attachment 6) to Lee Staff commenting on Mr. Delesi's March 6 sufficiency response (Attachment 7), and reaffirming their opposition to the proposed North River Village density increase.
 - d. Bill Redfern of Duke Highway commented that Bonita Bay's statements that "North Olga" supports the density increase are not accurate, as many residents are in opposition. Bill was very active in the earlier Caloosa 80 discussion. He further commented on the togetherness of the Alva community, and the continuing need to stick together and help each other as challenges arise throughout the Community Planning area.

Vice President's Report: Vice president Gerald attended the USACOE public input meeting regarding recreational uses within the CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan). Many activities are under consideration including greenways through the everglades, kayaking, picnicking and more. Additional information is available at www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr_master_rec_plan.aspx

Nominating Committee. Bill Redfern nominated the following slate for next year (starts June 1st): Ruby Daniels, President; B J Gerald, Vice President; Jim Green, Secretary; Emily Smith, Treasurer; Denies Houck, new Board Member. Motion carried, installation at the June meeting.

Next Month's Guest Speaker: Ms. Rae Ann Wessel regarding the Caloosahatchee River. Ms. Wessel is the 2007 recipient of The Richard Coleman Aquatic Resources Award for her work in restoring, protecting and advancing our understanding of Florida's aquatic resources.

BOD Meeting: Wednesday may 28, 7 PM, MOGHOP.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green Secretary

Attachments

1. Caloosa 80 Concept Plan
2. Alva inc. letter to SFWMD re toxic algae
3. ELCC letter to County Commissioners re North River Village
4. ELCC North River Village Petition
5. Lee Staff letter to Bonita Bay re North River Village
6. Conservancy of SW Florida letter to Lee Staff re North River Village
7. Mr. Delesi's March 6 Sufficiency response