

## Minutes of Alva Inc. June 11, 2007

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by Interim President, Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 14 people.

**Installation of Officers:** A motion was made by Ellen Erickson and seconded by Stan Corwin to install the following slate of officers elected at the May meeting: Ruby Daniels – president; Jim Mathisen – vice president; Emily Smith – treasurer; and Jim Green – secretary. The motion carried.

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Kris Cella of Cella Molnar & Associates spoke to Alva residents regarding options under consideration to advance the 10-laning of I-75 by way of the I-75 Express Toll Lanes concept. Construction of two additional lanes (making a total of six lanes) from Golden Gate Parkway to Colonial Blvd is scheduled to start this year and be operational in 2010. Studies show six lanes will be inadequate by 2010, resulting in “stop and go” traffic. The Southwest Florida Expressway Authority has initiated a program to provide information and receive citizen input regarding the I-75 Express Toll Lanes concept as a method to accelerate funding and construction of the planned additional four lanes (making a total of ten lanes). Information and a questionnaire form are available on [www.swfea.net](http://www.swfea.net).

The secretary’s summary of the May 14 meeting was presented and accepted. The treasurer’s report stated a previous balance of \$5,291.62 with additions of \$70.00, resulting in a current balance of \$5,361.62, and was accepted.

### **President’s Report:**

1. Community Plan. Alva Inc. received a letter from the County Attorney’s office stating the plan was under review with no date mentioned for completion. The next LPA meeting is scheduled for July 23.
2. Board of Directors Meeting. It will be held June 28, 7pm at the Mother of God House of Prayer. Mr. Matt Uhle, Esquire, will be present to discuss his client’s plans for development of The Broadlands on CR 78 that consists of 392 homes on 407 acres. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.
3. 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 next step in the County process is a public meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on a date yet to be scheduled. All Alva residents are encouraged to attend 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, it was the opinion of those present

that a show of silent solidarity from appropriately-clad Alva people present could be a major factor in convincing the Board to support Alva Inc.'s position.

4. Historic Highway Designation. Diane Sterlacci is performing research on the subject.
5. Proposed Coal-Burning Plant in Glades County. This proposal has been turned down by the State. The President suggested a round of applause is due the environmental groups and individuals that worked to oppose the project.
6. July Meeting: A motion was made by Ellen Erickson and seconded by Connie Dennis to cancel the July meeting. Motion carried.
7. August Meeting: Mr. Larry Gutridge from the Sheriff's office will be invited to speak on ID theft, contractor fraud, elder exploitation and dealing with telemarketeers.

**Vice President's Report:**

There was a meeting on the Olga Community Plan June 9. It has been going on a long time, is over budget and they are forced to make a decision. There are four options. DRMP had a vote by registered landowners.

**Proposed Green Learning Center:** (20150 N. River Road) – Stan Corwin presented. A meeting with the Conservation 2020 Advisory Committee occurred June 7. The Committee tabled consideration of purchase for 60 days to allow time to seek an entity to buy the buildings should 2020 buy the land. It was noted 2020 funds could possibly be used for buildings purchase, but purchasing buildings is outside the Committee's charter. A pledge of \$50,000 has been made to Alva Inc. to manage the Center. Matching funds have been solicited from FGCU and The Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The search continues for an entity to purchase the buildings and additional donors for management funds.

**Planning Committee Meeting.** Madam President presented. Held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A full room of enthusiastic people attended. Rob Andrys organized and conducted a productive meeting resulting in documenting what is important to the community regarding new development as to features, density, vegetation and appearance of houses and buildings. It was a consensus that Alva residents are taking charge of Alva's future. A special Thank You was made to Steven Brown from The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida for his time and contributions. A subsequent meeting will be scheduled. From the floor: A thank you to our president for acting on her belief that people think better with food in their stomachs.

**Other:** Stan Corwin nominated Andy Erickson for a seat on Alva Inc.'s Board of Directors. Colette Corwin seconded and the motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**