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September 2009 Newsletter

Commissioners to Vote on East Lee's Future Rural Lifestyle or Urban Sprawl?

September 23rd will be a momentous day for Commissioner decisions regarding the future of East Lee County. The choices are continuation and protection of one of the last bastions of rural lifestyle in the county, or approval of its desecration and submission to urban sprawl. Two items on the agenda are of phenomenal potential impact.

North River Village: Notwithstanding Bonita Bay's perilous financial position, their request for 2,5000 homes and significant commercial development in rural Alva is on the agenda. Both the Lee planning staff and the Local Planning Agency have recommended to the BOCC against this proposal.



Babcock Road Proposal: Kitson's group has submitted a Comprehensive Plan amendment outlining severe road expansion in east Lee County to accommodate Babcock's traffic. At the July LPA Hearing many east Lee community members spoke against, recommending "no transmittal" and suggesting the alternative of an appropriately-sized Charlotte County link from Babcock direct to I-75/US 41. The LPA also recommended against this proposal, citing cost to Lee taxpayers and commitments made in the Lee Plan to preserve our rural areas. This and other Babcock-related issues were explored by Roger Williams in the September 2nd issue of Florida Weekly. The final decision rests with the BOCC on September 23rd..



Commissioners Vote 3-2 to Settle Babcock/Charlotte Lawsuit

At the recommendation of the County Attorney, the BOCC on August 11th voted to settle a Lee County initiated lawsuit against Charlotte County regarding Babcock Ranch road plans and water management. While no one spoke in favor of the settlement other than Babcock, many east Lee County citizens spoke against it. Arguments against the settlement included lack of clarity, specificity, enforcement provisions, and the fact that it continues Lee County down the path of accepting the destruction of the east Lee County quality of life to accommodate a questionable development in an adjacent county. Commissioners Bigelow and Mann dissented. Commissioner Bigelow noted the preponderance of the Babcock/Lee County issues appear to be accommodated behind close doors without public scrutiny. Commissioner Tammy Hall spoke at length regarding the wisdom of her vote accepting the settlement and conducted a subsequent town hall meeting to reassert her beliefs. Citizen speakers at the town hall meeting reaffirmed their disapproval.

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Community Calendar

September 14 (Monday) Alva Inc. membership meeting, 7 PM, Alva Community Center.

September 15 (Tuesday): ELCC Meeting, 6:30 PM, Olga Community Center.

September 23 (Wednesday): BOCC hearing on North River Village and Babcock Road Plan, 9:30 AM BOCC Chambers.

Next Meeting: Monday September 14, 7PM, Alva Community Center

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