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## Lee County Community Development plans Alva open house

Fort Myers, FL, March 1, 2019 – Lee County Department of Community Development staff will discuss proposed changes for the Alva community at an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23, at the Alva Community Park, 21471 North River Road.

The changes come in the form of proposed amendments to the Lee Plan and Land Development Code; they are based on input from an Alva community meeting held in 2018.

The prior meeting – called a visioning meeting – was held for the Alva Community Plan area in March 2018, following the direction of the Lee Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). At the meeting, staff collected input from area stakeholders concerning the vision and goals for the Alva Community Plan area.

Since then, Community Development staff have been working with other Lee County departments to turn the community's vision into implementable Lee Plan and Land Development Code provisions.

All amendments will move though the normal process required to amend the Lee Plan with opportunities for public input – one hearing with the Local Planning Agency and two hearings with the BoCC (transmittal and adoption).

There are 17 distinct community planning areas identified in the Lee Plan. This winter and spring, Community Development staff members plan to host open-house community plan meetings in Bayshore, San Carlos Island and Alva. Additionally, three communities will have visioning meetings scheduled: North Olga, Caloosahatchee Shores and Page Park.

For more information visit the website at <u>http://www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/cp/alva</u> or contact <u>PODPlanning@leegov.com</u>.

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**Note to media**: A map of the boundaries of the Alva area is available on page 2, along with the location of Alva Community Park on page 3.



