

Letter: A Choice for Woodlake

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If you're interested enough to read this, you're probably familiar with most of the sad Woodlake saga and history, so we'll start with the most recent events.

Keith Allison, the owner of Systel Business Equipment in Fayetteville, has entered the situation. He asserts that he secured leases for 15 key WLCCC parcels, and that he has purchased the majority of shares of J & Partners LLC, a Julie Watson LLC. That entity would represent Watson's legal vehicle for her 50 percent ownership share of Woodlake.

Ilya Steiner has never addressed the Woodlake community in all the years he's been the co-owner. Mr. Allison showed up at a recent Property Owners Association meeting and addressed the attending residents.

Mr. Allison pays his property taxes and POA assessments; WLCCC does not. Mr. Allison runs a successful business. Mr. Allison is well connected with key N.C. legislators and other influential people. Mr. Allison is a generous man; he allows his Woodlake neighbors to use his undeveloped water/bog-front property for neighborhood events.

Mr. Allison seems to have the financial wherewithal to actually do what he promises. A debt-ridden WLCCC does not appear to have the needed resources. Mr. Allison has been a contributor to his community and the state. WLCCC has been a county property tax scofflaw and has a record of unpaid debts and a record of bankruptcy. Mr. Allison presides over well-kept property and offices. WLCCC presides over deteriorated, unusable facilities, lake and golf courses.

We would feel a lot more comfortable with a successful neighbor and businessman involved, instead of an absentee landlord and owner with a deplorable Woodlake track record.

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