

Bill Lacy – City Council Candidate Statement

MOVED TO BERKELEY LAKE IN 1979, US ARMY VETERAN

‘BERKELEY BETTER’. I am running to help ensure our unique City will continue to provide an excellent living environment for all.

Favorite sayings:

“I learn nothing from people who always agree with me”.

“Don’t tear down the fence until you know why it was put up.”

MY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I have been fortunate enough to serve the City in several capacities since moving here in 1979.

First: Was Vice President and later President of the BLHA. During this time, I was active in the early stages of acquiring the land under the lake for the BLHA. After my term expired, others carried on with the negotiations and the Title was eventually secured.

Second: During my term as BLHA President, in cooperation with the City of Berkeley Lake, the BLHA was able to acquire the beach area at no charge to the BLHA. Also, during that time, in cooperation with the city, the first Purple Martin house was installed on the Dam.

Third: I also served on the Chapel Board and served on the City Council for a short period to fill the vacant seat of a Council Member who resigned.

Fourth: Prior to the last City election, I worked with Barbara Geier and Scott Lee to coordinate a ‘Meet and Greet Q&A Forum’ for the City Council candidates. Scott was able to connect the Forum to Zoom, so those who could not make the meeting were able to attend remotely.

MY CONCERNS FOR THE CITY INCLUDE:

-Ensuring that residents stay informed on the current Third-Party Analysis of City Zoning to ensure any recommended changes will enhance the City.

-Ensuring that a permitting process for making modifications to resident's property, including dock areas, is not unnecessarily difficult. I would like to have periodic reviews of the process, with citizen input, to see if changes to the process are needed.

-Security: I am investigating whether it is practical to add additional cameras to areas of the City to supplement cameras that some of the City's HOAs have in place.

-Ensuring that the Groups/packs of cyclists do not ignore our traffic signs. There have been several 'near misses', with both people and vehicles. The City had a meeting with the Cycle Club(s) several years ago to explain our concerns. I would like to initiate another City meeting, with them, along with a Gwinnett County Police officer in attendance.

-Controlling the deer population to avoid personal, vehicle and pet injury. Unfortunately, this will be a long-term project, but in the meantime:

-There is a need for a City sponsored meeting(s) with outside experts to provide an opportunity for residents to understand Deer control within the City. This would include what the City, the DNR and the USDA Wildlife Services can and can't do. It would provide an opportunity to share various control methods that homeowners can use. I've been experimenting with several approaches to controlling deer on my lot. I am glad to share those controls with others.