

Supporters continue efforts to re-open Laurel Hill

By Greg Hough
Emerald Reporter

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Association met Thursday to discuss the proposed reopening of its community elementary school.

The meeting was held in the wake of Wednesday's Eugene School Board session that left the fate of the experimental program undecided.

The meeting attracted about 20 people to the school cafeteria, and association co-chairman Jan Wostmann wondered aloud if Laurel Hill area resi-

dents had been "meetinged out" by the school board session. The board heard opinions from 15 people who either supported or opposed the district's tentative plans to re-open the school.

But Wostmann said he was encouraged by the Wednesday meeting, expressing confidence that the board would confirm the re-opening when it takes up the issue again next month.

"We had some terrific public testimony," Wostmann said. "It looks like we have three fairly committed votes from the board, and a number leaning

our way."

Wostmann warned against complacency on the issue, urging residents to write school board members in support of the re-opening.

The return of Laurel Hill School, closed because of declining enrollment in 1982, will be included in the proposed 1989-90 budget district superintendent Margaret Nichols intends to present to the district's committee Jan. 30. The first-year cost of opening the school is estimated to be about \$400,000.

"It would be great to get a

positive endorsement from Margaret," Wostmann said. "I think if we got it, we would have won. But even if we don't get her support, I think we can still muster the votes."

Area resident Al Cottingham said his impression was that "Margaret is throwing this baby in the board's lap," and might be unwilling to take a public stand on the issue.

Association board member Joyce Naffziger said that allotting funds for Laurel Hill "is

the kind of spending taxpayers want to see — direct kid interest, and money to the children."

Opponents of re-opening Laurel Hill have questioned the logic of setting aside funds for the school at a time when the district faces a budgetary crunch. In addition, residents of the Edison school area expressed concern that re-opening the school will adversely affect Edison's enrollment and performance.

Protesters plan noisy 'wake up'

"Wake Up America" is the theme of a noon multi-issue rally today to "dance, not despair" about the Bush/Quayle inaugurations.

Wake Up America organizers and any interested people will

meet across from the University Bookstore with pots, pans and other noise makers. Participants then will parade Mardi Gras style to the Federal Building, 211 E. Seventh Ave., to speak on different issues.

Event coordinator David Oaks said two national protests will occur today. "There is a call to action to protest the U.S. war in El Salvador. The University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project is one of our sponsors," he said.

In addition, there is an international call to protest all nuclear weapons testing, he said. The American Peace Test Eugene Chapter will partially sponsor the event. Oaks said about 10 other organizations are also sponsoring Wake Up America.

On the steps of the Federal Building, protesters will speak about El Salvador, nuclear testing, old growth issues, homelessness, racism and women's and children's issues.

"Then the microphone will be opened up for others to use," Oaks said.

Following the rally, participants can walk to the Kestrel Cafe, 454 Willamette St., for soup and coffee as an "inaugural lunch."

"We started with a \$32 budget compared to the Bush/Quayle \$32 million budget," Oaks said.

Oaks said he is expecting creative costumes for the rally. "One person will have a Styrofoam suit on to protest that issue and I'll be covered in fake \$100 bills to get America to wake up," he said.



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Jan Wostmann and Jenny Schmitz are two parents working to re-open Laurel Hill school. The Eugene School Board has postponed deciding the matter until next month.

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Council seeks input for library location

By Cami Swanson
Emerald Reporter

The Eugene City Council unanimously voted Wednesday to give voters the opportunity of approving the proposed site of a new city library in a special election March 28.

Ideas for placing the serial levy on the ballot were put on hold.

The council's action comes in contrast to a decision made last week, when the council members voted 4-3 to ask voters to approve both an Eighth Avenue and Willamette Street location and a serial levy to cover yearly operating costs of the library.

Council member Ruth Bascom said the council decided to limit the measure to the question of the library's location because future operating costs are still not clear.

"We don't know what the operating costs will be," Bascom said.

She said the yearly operating costs of the present library, located at 100 W. 13th Ave., are about \$2 million. Bascom predicted that the new library's operating costs would increase between \$30,000 and \$70,000.

Council member Shawn Boles said voter confusion was another reason why the council decided to eliminate the levy from the measure.

"There was concern on the part of the council that the citizens would be confused" by having to consider both location and levy questions on the same measure, Boles said. Boles said he disagreed with this assertion.

During Wednesday's meeting, the council also voted 5-1 to include in the measure a paragraph guaranteeing that either city funds will be used to pay the operating costs of the new library or the council will ask voters to approve some alternative method of funding by November 1990.

Boles, who cast the only vote opposing the amendment, said that the council decision basically means, "We'll figure out how to pay for it (the library) later."

Bascom said that there is a possibility that the city would be able to finance the library's entire operating costs if Eugene experiences an economic upturn. The library's construction costs will be financed by the new property taxes generated by the proposed Pankow Development Co.'s 13-story building and by money reserved for downtown development.

If voters approve the measure, the new library will occupy part of the Pankow building, which is scheduled to begin construction in June.

Although the council has the authority to approve the location of the new library without voter input, Bascom said that the council wanted to give citizens a chance to voice their opinions.

"There is a tradition in Eugene of asking for voter approval," Bascom said.



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