

Waluga Neighborhood Association

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Fireside Room

15751 Quarry Road

Attendees Sign in: 6:30-7 pm, Thank you Bobbie and Bruce for assisting.

There were 29 meeting attendees + 3 speakers

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

7:00 pm Welcome: **Rett**

- Introduction of Waluga Neighborhood board members and Emergency Preparedness coordinators
- **Sandy**: Elections: 2024-25 board members including additional nominations from this meeting. There were no additional nominees. All board members listed were re-elected for 2024-25.
Board Members at large were also introduced.
- **Cheryl**: Introduced Emergency Preparedness Coordinators present and absent.

PROGRAM

- LO School District's **Mary Kay Larson**, Exec. Director of Communications, and **Tony Vandenberg**, Exec. Director of Project Management shared what's in the future for Lake Grove Elementary School, it's property, the LO School District's feasibility study findings/recommendations and 2025 School Bond
Mary Kay shared info regarding the 3-phased school bond measure that began in 2017, with the 3rd bond measure on the ballot in 2025.
She also reported that the LO Recreation & Aquatic Center will be completed in Winter of 2025 which is a City/School District Partnership effort.
Rivergrove Elementary School rebuild project (2nd Bond) has been completed and the students have returned to their school.
The School District's Long Range Facility Planning Committee initially made recommendations to direct the school board to conduct feasibility studies to create recommendations for work to be included in the 3rd School Bond. The school board will select members to serve on the School Bond Development Committee. And this committee will begin meeting in late October.
Some of the recommendations includes:

- Rebuilding Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary Schools in their present sites.
- Increase and improve flexible spaces for CTE/STEM programs
- CTP (Community Transitional Program), a life skills program needing to be near public transit and near possible jobs, needs to be expanded. Currently this program is located at LOHS in a separate building near the Admin Bldg.
- The District should look at revenue generating school property space; for instance the recent almost vacated school bus facility and warehouse (not vacated): 2.5 acres. Maybe at Uplands swing school site.
- Centralized Services by supporting the World Language program at Palisades and expanding it by offering Spanish and Chinese languages.
- Questions on whether or not to include a cafetorium and new gyms at Forest Hills and LGES like Rivergrove Elem.
- Both Mary Kay and Tony fielded some random questions from the meeting attendees. No answer was definitive.

- **Scott Lind**, LO's City Emergency Management Services Coordinator was newly hired by the LO Fire Department. He's in charge of medical management decisions when the fire department is dispatched.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15-8:30 pm

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 6:45 pm, OSLC conference room

Chair for November meeting: Linda Ausherman

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