Mayflower hearing reset

A public hearing regarding whether the Mayflower Theater building should be given historic designation that originally was set for tonight has been rescheduled to March 4.

The public hearing, before the Eugene Historic Review Board, was delayed because city planners had not gathered necessary information about the building. The board has 15 days following the hearing to decide if the building should be designated historic.

Sacred Heart General Hospital is planning to demolish the 60-year-old theater, located at 788 E. 11th Ave., and build a joint-venture laboratory on the site at a cost of about \$5 million.

A historic designation would make it difficult for Sacred Heart to destroy the building, but the hospital would have 30 days to appeal the board's decision and could demolish the theater while the appeal was being processed.

The Mayflower Theater, which opened Sept. 30, 1925, is the second oldest theater in Eugene and the first theater established outside of the downtown core. Originally named the Colonial, the theater featured such amenities as a glassed in men's smoking area and a women's baby room.

Sacred Heart officials argue that they have followed the West University Refinement Plan, the guiding document for planning in the area. Although supporters of the theater said it was an oversight, the refinement plan does not indicate that the Mayflower would be an appropriate historic structure.

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both the natural history museum and the architecture school in April, construction of Science V to begin in September and construction of Science VI to begin in December.

Because President Reagan withdrew from his new budget this year's \$8.5-million appropriation for the University project. University officials are not sure when the relocation and construction will begin.

The board also learned at the meeting that it will receive only about 60 percent of the lottery funds that were allocated to four programs. The 1985 state Legislature allocated \$7 million for equipment and remodeling, endowed chairs, the agricultural experiment station at Oregon State University and the Oregon Center for Advanced Technology Education.

But because of a lack of lottery funds, only \$4 million will be available, said David Quenzer, associate vicechancellor of budget and fiscal policies. The University's \$12 million allotment of lottery funds for the two new science buildings has not been affected.

Also, Chancellor Bud Davis announced that four University faculty members have won Presidential Young Investigative Awards, which are awarded nationwide each year to 50 faculty members for outstanding science research and 50 faculty members for outstanding engineering research.

The awards have been given to Geraldine Richmond, an associate chemistry professor; Vicki Chandler, an associate biology professor; Judith Eisen, an associate biology professor; and Steven Kavan, who will join the physics department in spring.

Also at the meeting, Batiste announced the results of the board's evaluation of Davis' job as State System chancellor. Batiste said the board concluded that Davis has done a superb job since he took the office in 1982.





