

Mall: Some question constitutionality of ordinances

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City attorney Jerry Lidz said he didn't have any legal problems with the ordinance.

"I don't think it is all that close to the line," he said. "The government has reason to go close to that line."

The commission was asked to review the ordinances and make recommendations to the Eugene City Council.

The council had heard public comment on the ordinances, and some questioned their constitutionality. Others also were concerned that the criminal behavior would just move to other parts of town and that police would arbitrarily enforce the ordinance.

"I appreciate the improvements to the exclusionary ordinance, but I still have problems," said Polly Nelson of the ACLU.

According to the proposed ordinance, if a person was cited on the mall, he or she would be immediately expelled from the area. A hearing would then be

set within the next five days. If the person was found guilty, then he or she would be excluded from the mall for next 60 days.

Some who frequent the mall viewed the ordinances as infringing on their rights.

Duki Huffman, 17, said he disagreed with the proposed ordinances.

"I got ticketed and arrested," he said. "I've gone through rehab and have gotten off heroin and this is still the only place to hang out."

Charis Ariel, 16, agreed: "They don't know the feeling of not having any money and not having any place to go."

Feldman said he wasn't surprised by the commission's decision to only recommend the closure ordinance.

But for Feldman freedom from fear far outweighed the right to hang out at the mall.

"One reason I took the job was to make people less afraid," he said.



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Charis Ariel, 16, Tanya Mathis, 20, and Duki Huffman, 17, share their views Monday afternoon about a proposed ordinance that would close the Downtown Mall at night.

Zero: Coalition lists six demands for improving faculty diversity

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staff members. And a consistent theme for all three universities is that none have any professors of color in their honors colleges.

Jay Breslow, ASUO Multicultural Center co-director and coalition member, said the University must strive to create a more diverse environment.

"We strongly believe that all universities should invest in their students' success and properly prepare

them to face a global society that reflects the faces of people from all walks of life," he said. "This cannot be accomplished if your university remains complacent in their attitude toward educating its students in a way that provides a multitude of opportunities for all of us to learn from one another."

In addition to the 13 departments without professors of color, the coalition said there are 10 others with only one. It also recognized the

physics, law, music, education and business departments for having more than five professors of color.

Students could profit from a more diverse faculty, Breslow said.

"It's something that benefits the entire University," he said. "It's incredibly important in a multicultural world. America isn't white bread — it's changing."

According to Wasson, many students and staff argue that the University faculty reflects the

state's population.

The coalition concluded its presentation with a list of six demands. It wants the University to:

- advertise and outreach for a larger and more diverse applicant pool;
- include non-traditional criteria and methods in hiring decisions;
- increase student representation on hiring committees;
- institutionalize services that aid in faculty development;
- increase faculty compensation

to the national midpoint;

— provide faculty diversity training.

"We are committed to working with the faculty and administration on these demands," Breslow said.

The coalition intends to arrange a forum to discuss these issues, and it will invite University President Dave Frohnmayer, Chancellor Joe Cox, all department heads and any students who want to attend. A date for the forum has not yet been set.

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