

Drug-Free Zones Approved

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The procedural changes were the subject of extensive testimony at a public hearing Thursday. The Council adopted one change proposed by commissioner Dan Saltzman, extending the timeline for presenting legal challenges to the zone from the current 5 days to 10. The Community Law Center had proposed extending the time limit to 45 days.

The Council rejected an amendment by commissioner Erik Sten that would allow the police to exclude people only after their second arrest. Sten was concerned that the exclusion could be applied to someone stopped just once by police in their own neighborhood.

"It's not close to being a chronic problem if that's all they've done," Sten said.

Police Capt. Rosie Sizer, commander of Central Precinct, said that frequently it takes law enforcement a long time to make a charge stick on someone known to be a chronic offender.

Doreen Binder, director of Transition Projects, noted that in the field of domestic violence treatment, it's understood that the first arrest is seldom the first offense.

Deputy district attorney Jim Hayden said that Sten's proposal could create the basis of a legal challenge, since it could be interpreted to mean the exclusion is part of a punishment.

Critics of the zones, such

as Paul Levy of the Metropolitan Public Defenders Office, said many people arrested and excluded in the past were never charged with a crime.

He said the police have and will exclude people when there is no probable cause to charge them with a crime.

Both Sizer and Multnomah

have it applied only to people previously charged with a crime.

In contrast, Binder said the new law made getting variances too easy.

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County Deputy District Attorney Jim Hayden insisted that few exclusions are made that do not also meet the criteria for sufficient evidence to charge a crime.

However, Sizer said a shortage of resources in the D.A.'s office puts "the bar for accepting cases for prosecution higher and higher."

Binder and Sisters of the Road Cafe Director Gennie Nelson, two of the city's most respected homeless advocates and providers, found themselves on opposite sides on the issue of how variances should be applied.

Nelson conceded that before a drug free ordinance in Old Town, the district was an "open drug market."

However, she called for allowing social services to issue variances, to have the exclusion revoked if no charges are filed, and to

dential facilities because (traveling to them) is one of the small steps we ask them to take; we don't want to make it too easy. Social service agencies are there to help people move on, not covering for them."

Representatives of the Kerns Neighborhood Association, Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition, Parkrose Neighborhood and Business Association and Sumner Neighborhood Association were among the groups supporting the zones.

Several people said that when enforcement of the zones was suspended following a court challenge, they had seen a drastic increase in drug activity.

There was testimony that criminal activity in commercial districts often spills over into adjacent residential areas.

Stroke Risk Forum Planned

A free public forum will be held to educate people interested in learning about stroke prevention and risk factors on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Southern Auditorium at Providence at St. Vincent Medical Center, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd.

Stroke risk assessment

screenings will run from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Then from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., an educational forum will highlight some of the symptoms and warning signs that may indicate an oncoming stroke. Advice will be given on what to do during a stroke situation and how to avoid permanent disability af-

ter suffering a stroke. Lastly, attendees will have the chance to engage in question-and-answer sessions with doctors from the Providence Stroke Center.

Parking is free and the facility is fully wheelchair-accessible. For reservations, call 503-216-6595.

Free Community Forum

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Souther Auditorium
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Thursday, Sept. 19 • 7 p.m.

Forum Speakers

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Cardiothoracic surgeon

Stephen Bookin, M.D.
Endocrinologist

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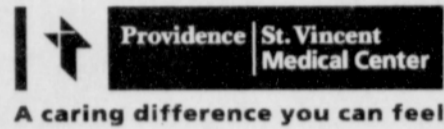
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Wellness Village at Blazer Club

The location of the African American Health Coalition's 2002 Wellness Village scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 was listed incorrectly in last week's edition. The event will be held at the Blazer Boys and Girls Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants can take advantage of free health screenings, free workshops and free health exhibits. The Wellness Village will include dental screening and work; blood level testing; anemia testing; foot massage; testing for glucose; blood pressure and urine protein; flu and tetanus shots; stroke assessment; glaucoma screening; a bloodmobile; door prizes and music.

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