

Tomosynthesis machine will aid cancer detection

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other individual donors, foundation board director Kimberly Ward said.

Before now, people would be required to go to Portland for services of this caliber. This is the first and only tomosynthesis on the North Coast, CEO Kendall Sawa said.

According to Sawa, tomo has a 41 percent increase in the detection of invasive breast cancers, as well as a 15 percent less chance of having to have a repeat follow up mammogram done, which saves money, time and a patient's heartache.

"To be able to provide this quality of care to the community is amazing," Sawa said.

Each year the foundation chooses projects based on community need, Ward said. Part of the reason why this machine was chosen was because of the cancer's prevalence in the community.

"It's very rare that someone you know hasn't had their life touched by cancer in some way," Ward said.

Laura Freedman, a fellow foundation board member, said the community that came together to fundraise is about as amazing as the machine itself.

"It was such an eye-open-



ABOVE: Diagnostics and imaging department manager Tim Hardin cuts the ribbon at the unveiling of Providence Seaside Hospital's art mammography machine. RIGHT: Pink bracelets, bags and more were given out to celebrate the tomosynthesis, a mammography tool that provides a clear view of breast tissue at an event at Providence Seaside Hospital.

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ing experience to see how such a small community can accomplish such a large thing," Freedman said. "People are very generous here."

For the professionals on the ground, that generosity will serve to make their job that much easier and rewarding. Diagnostics and imaging



Maryann Smith and her daughter Gwendalin Smith wait with April McCullen to see the new mammography machine. Both Smith and McCullen work for Providence Seaside Hospital.

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department manager Tim Hardin had the honor of cutting the pink satin ribbon, cramped by the large crowd of excited spectators all making it work

in a small observing room.

For him, it comes down to the patients.

"This machine has the potential to pick up cancers so

much earlier," Hardin said. "We're all here for the patients. Our goal is always to be able to provide optimum care."

Council denies neighbor's appeal

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The proposed resort at 341 South Prom, the Calefs wrote in their appeal, "will dwarf our house, invade our privacy by placing hotel balconies feet from our upstairs bedroom and generally diminish the value of our property."

Neighbor Avrel Nudelman, one of those to appeal the setback variance, withdrew his formal challenge but added a letter of support for the Calefs in their bid to challenge the building height.

Late Friday, Planner Cupples received a memorandum on behalf of the Calefs' appeal from Sean Malone, a Eugene-based land use attorney.

The document was not provided to city councilors, city staff and Simmons until Monday.

"There is no evidence in the record that a hotel that can satisfy the height standards would not fit within the context of the location," Malone wrote. "Ex-

ceptional and extraordinary circumstances do not exist."

According to Malone, the city's findings do not demonstrate the variance is consistent with the ordinance or comprehensive plan and "do not demonstrate that (the) variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood."

The applicant's proposed hotel is "really what creates the necessity for the variance," Dan Calef added in testimony before councilors.

The late submission failed to sway the council.

'Need to resolve it'

"I haven't read any of it," City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said. "One thing is clear is that this matter has been before this city for a year and a half. ... But I can tell you the city has spent a lot of time looking at the very issues that are the subject of the whole controversy."

Van Thiel said he believed in "finality" and letting "people get on with their own lives."



Duplex owner Dan Calef



Pearl owner Antoine Simmons

"I think we need to resolve it, at least at this stage," Van Thiel said.

No matter the outcome, the question can be appealed to the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

Councilors unanimously rejected the Calefs' request, showing support for the Planning Commission's recommendation and citing the option of a state appeal.

"I agree with the (city) attorney," Councilor Dana Phillips said. "If they want to appeal the decision, they can go to LUBA."

"I've been torn about this the whole time, but if we deny the appeal, they still have some

place to go," Councilor Tita Montero said.

"I see it as part of living in a beach town," Mayor Jay Barber said. "This is an old residence that has been there from way back and it is in a resort zone. Eventually the time is going to come when it is going to be impacted in a negative way for the people who have lived there and owned it for years. I do feel badly about that."

Councilors Seth Morrisey and Randy Frank joined Barber, Montero and Phillips in voting to deny the appeal.

"We're excited to hit the ground running and know we can move forward with the project," Simmons said after the meeting. "We've got a lot of work in front of us still."

Work is not expected to start until fall and could be delayed by legal appeals, Simmons added.

"We will be exploring the LUBA option," Dan Calef said after the meeting. "That will probably be our next step."

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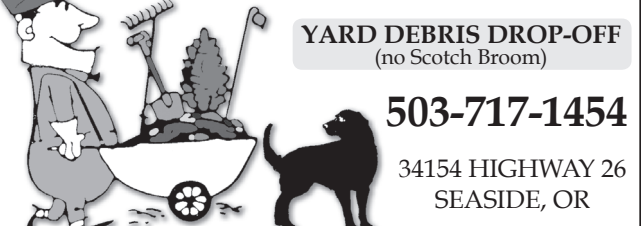


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