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MEDIA ADVISORY

Committee Votes Non-Renewal For Troubled 132-Unit Mobile Home Park *Complaints of Crime and Environmental Concerns Lead to Panel's Decision*

Milwaukee Ald. Terry L. Witkowski and representatives from the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) will hold a **City Hall news conference at 2:30 p.m. TODAY** to answer questions about the possible closure of a Milwaukee mobile home park. The 132-unit Collegiate Park, 6160 S. 6th St., is owned by Zellmer Fromm and has a long history of complaints to the city.

This morning the Common Council's Licenses Committee voted 5-0 not to renew the license to operate the park after hearing evidence about code violations and numerous calls for police service. Three orders have been issued to the park licensee containing 29 violations citing 138 items to be repaired. Most serious is a biohazard condition resulting from two units with unconnected sewer systems that have caused a significant area of contamination that has been compounded by recurring spring flooding that spreads the hazard. The untreated sewage is under as many as 10 of the park's housing units.

Ald. Witkowski, whose 13th District includes Collegiate Park, said the police department responded to 266 calls for service there in 2007. Ald. Witkowski will be available to answer questions about the non-renewal and the problems at the park, and DNS officials will answer questions about the building conditions and pending orders.

The committee's recommendation goes to the full Council for a vote on June 10 at its 9 a.m. meeting at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

WHAT: News Conference
WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Today, May 28
WHERE: Council Chamber Anteroom, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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