

"I felt real good about the parade," said Pfeiffer. "The attitude was positive, there

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Council to vote on rights

By William Burks

Chicago City Council did not consider the proposed gay and lesbian rights ordinance at its meeting June 25, but those lobbying for its passage received a commitment that it would be brought before the City Council at its next meeting July 9.

Ald. Clifford Kelley (20th), member of the Human Rights Committee, could not bring the ordinance before the Council June 25 because of failure to meet the "24 hour rule" requiring a day's notice of a matter to be brought from a committee to the full Council.

Kelley, along with Ald. Martin Oberman (43rd), Bernard Hansen (44th), and Jerome Orbach (46th), polled the council during the early part of last Wednesday's meeting to determine if they could muster the necessary 36 votes to suspend the rules and bring the ordinance up anyway, but they were not able to collect the required two-thirds majority.

"I'm disappointed," said Jim Flint, who has been lobbying some of the aldermen. He added that he would begin lobbying the 13 aldermen that are only committed to

"yes" on a voice vote but not on a roll call vote.

Flint, and others at Sunday's Pride rally, called for constituents in those wards to phone and encourage support of the ordinance. "We've been working on this for seven weeks," Flint said, "and we felt the middle of Gay Pride Week would be a really symbolic time for this. We've been working very hard, very quietly, and playing by all the rules that anyone has told us."

"I think we got pretty damn far," said Kit Duffy, the Mayor's liaison to the gay and lesbian community, who has been lobbying for the passage of the ordinance. "If it doesn't come up [at the next Council meeting] there'll be all hell to pay." Notice to the full Council has been signed by Orbach, Kelley, Oberman, David Orr (49th), and chair of the Human Rights Committee Marian Humes (8th). According to Duffy, Orr would "be paying particular attention to it" to see that it is given in time.

Saying by her count last week there were 27 votes on the Council for the ordinance, Duffy added, "It's going to be a fight."