

SALEM CIVIL RIGHTS PROPOSAL OK'D

The Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission discussed and passed the latest draft of proposed civil rights expansions during a meeting Aug. 14.

It would add sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income to the city's protected classes. Salem's Human Rights Code, which covers private employment, public accommodations and housing, also would be extended to cover lending as well as public appointment, services, facilities, contracting and purchasing.

The proposal provides exceptions for live-in landlords and strengthens language allowing churches to discriminate. It also exempts small, family-owned businesses with eight or fewer employees from the gender identity clause.

Despite these concessions, "We're anticipating opposition from the usual corners," Commissioner Cary Renfro says, referring to Salem's strong Oregon Citizens Alliance presence. He says the business community also might have some problems with the proposal.

The next step is to meet with city administrators for further advice. Forums soon will be scheduled for the general community, business owners and government officials.

Renfro hopes the City Council will vote on the proposal this fall. "If we wait until after Thanksgiving or Christmas we start getting into election sea-

son," he says, adding that several of the supportive members are not seeking another term.

JACKSON ISSUES SECOND APOLOGY

Portland Public Schools board member Derry Jackson issued another apology Aug. 7 in the wake of anti-Semitic comments he made during a newspaper interview last month.

"I now understand the impact and gravity of my assertions," he said on *AM Northwest*. "To

the children and employees of Portland Public Schools, to their families and this wonderful city we call home, Portland, I apologize for: making statements that do not create positive support for the efforts of the board; making statements that discredit other members of the board; maligning Jewish people with generality and an inference of unfairness; and allowing my frustration to distort my judgment."

Jackson has been under fire since July 21, when the *Oregonian* printed an interview in which he said, "I see the Jews running everything." His July 25 apology, which failed to retract the anti-Semitic remarks, did not satisfy most critics.

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Despite multiple apologies, Derry Jackson will be the target of an upcoming recall effort

Jackson also has offended members of the gay and lesbian community for saying homosexuality is a "lifestyle choice" in contrast to race. He made the comments last April during the debate concerning military recruiters in Portland's public schools.

Jackson seemed to be reaching out to the gay and lesbian community in his latest apology. "I reaffirm my commitment to serve in my elected position with respect to all—whatever their race, creed, gender or sexual persuasion," he said.

Jackson admitted he did not write the first apology. He also continued to ignore calls for his resignation.

Mark Wiener, a member of Portlanders Against Prejudice,

said that he couldn't speak for the group but that he didn't think the second apology would affect their recall effort. "There didn't appear to be anything in Jackson's latest statement...that would lead us to change our plans."

Wiener emphasized that most of the 30-plus members of Portlanders Against Prejudice once were Jackson supporters. "If Derry had been forthcoming about his views before the election, there wouldn't have been a snowball's chance of his being elected," he said.

Wiener's group might not be ready to move on, but the school board members say they are. They held a "positive and productive" retreat Aug. 7 with representatives of Oregon Uniting, an organization that has been facilitating dialogue about racism issues for the past three years.

"In our dialogue this evening we are modeling behavior to foster communication and understanding," the board said in a joint statement. "Where we have had disagreements and misunderstandings and where hurtful statements have been made, now we have come together as a school board, discussed these matters personally and honestly and have agreed to move forward...because we have a significant responsibility to all students of Portland Public Schools."

It's been a rough few weeks for Jackson. The *Oregonian* reported Aug. 14 that he owes \$5,510.84 in property taxes (money used to finance public schools) and has filed for bankruptcy twice.

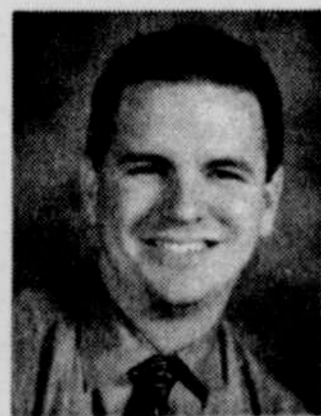
Willamette Week revealed Aug. 15 that Jackson was arrested and charged with menacing after his wife told police he assaulted her in April 1998. The newspaper also reported he was cited by Portland police for having an open alcohol container in his vehicle in January 1994.

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