

Rock and Roll Dances at Memorial Auditorium, 1961

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Found in the files at Olivia Raney Local History library, here's an interesting City of Raleigh Memorandum dated December 13, 1961:

To: Chief Tom Davis, Mr. Fred Johnson, and Promoters of Rock and Roll Shows at the Memorial Auditorium

From: City Manager

Subject: Procedures to be followed for Supervision and Operation of Rock and Roll Dances at the Memorial Auditorium

1. The Chief of Police, in collaboration with the Auditorium Manager and the Promoter of a particular event, shall determine the number of extra police and their assignments believed necessary to maintain law and order before and during the event in addition to the two regular firemen who are to be assigned.
2. The Auditorium Manager shall be responsible for collecting from the Promoter, no later than before the beginning of the performance, the total amount of money due to cover the cost of the extra police and firemen needed for the event. He will then report this to the City Manager's Secretary for record and credit against the contract.
3. The Auditorium Manager shall designate and place a temporary sign at a room off the front lobby to be used as a police holding room.
4. Even though there may be an intermission required by the performing band or orchestra, no intermission shall be permitted as far as the dancing is concerned. This, of course, will mean that the Promoter will have to arrange for records to be amplified to keep the entertainment going.
5. Every effort must be arranged to start the event on time, even if temporary music in the form of amplified records shall be used until the regular event can be put into action.
6. No pass-outs from within the building will be permitted.
7. The Auditorium Manager shall display whatever signs he feels are necessary in notifying the public that no intoxicating beverages will be permitted in the Auditorium and that no smoking in the main Auditorium will be permitted.
8. It is requested that the Promoters, along with the Auditorium Manager, and any members of the special police, shall use all efforts and knowledge available to screen out and prevent person or persons from being permitted to an event who have a known reputation of trouble making.
9. The City Council has indicated it feels this type of recreation should be continued so long as it is done in a law abiding and sensible manner. It is urged that everyone interested in these events do everything possible to see that no trouble or difficulties are encountered as far as it is physically possible.

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