

Mahoney Wants to Increase Use of Memorial Auditorium

The city should increase the use of Memorial Auditorium with more trade shows, conventions and possibly rock concerts, Alderman Maurice Mahoney Jr., D-Ward 1, said Tuesday night.

He is heading a committee of aldermen and three local citizens that will look Thursday night into the auditorium's potential uses. The meeting will be at 7:30 at City Hall auditorium.

"We want to take a pragmatic approach to maximize the use of Memorial Auditorium," Mahoney said.

He said his panel, which includes Ion Laskaris, Alan Abair and Andrew Mack, "wants to hear from people who have ideas about the use or the future of Memorial Auditorium." Such people would

include representatives of arts groups and trade shows.

Mahoney said he has no problem with holding rock concerts at Memorial Auditorium "if they are managed properly." Rock has been banned from the hall at Main and South Union streets for the last four years.

More use of the auditorium is possible now that the Fletcher Free Library has moved out, he said. Roof leaks were fixed recently.

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