



Portland Planning Board Rejects Buffer for Entertainment Venues

Description

Portland's planning board turned down a rule about how far music venues must be from each other. Now, city councilors will make the final decision on this rule.

If the council rejects the rule, a company called Live Nation can build a big music venue in downtown. This venue would hold over 3,000 people. Some people are worried about this plan. They think it might hurt Portland's music scene.

Local musician Doug Kolmar is against Live Nation's plan. He is happy about the planning board's decision. He believes it could stop the build. Scott Moeller, head of the Maine Music Alliance, shares this concern. He thinks Live Nation could negatively affect local artists.

The city council will vote on the rule on April 27. Mayor Mark Dion believes the venue will likely be approved. He thinks opponents have tried without success to stop it. Some are worried about parking for the new venue, but the city's development director says parking spaces are available. Live Nation has not responded to questions about the new rule.

Vocabulary List:

1. **venue** //ˈvenju// (noun): a place where events or performances happen
2. **opponents** //əˈpɒnənts// (noun): a person who is against something
3. **approved** //əˈpruvd// (verb): to say yes to a plan or idea
4. **negatively** //ˈnegətɪvli// (adverb): in a bad or harmful way
5. **concern** //kənˈsɜrn// (noun): a worry about something that matters
6. **responded** //rɪˈspɒndɪd// (verb): to answer or react to a question

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What did Portland's planning board do regarding music venues?

Option: Approved a new rule

Option: Turned down a rule



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- Option: Ignored the rule
 - Option: Proposed a new rule

2. What is the capacity of the music venue that Live Nation plans to build?

- Option: 1,500 people
- Option: 2,500 people
- Option: 3,000 people
- Option: 4,000 people

3. Who is against Live Nation's plan?

- Option: Doug Kolmar
- Option: Mark Dion
- Option: Scott Moeller
- Option: City Councilors

4. When will the city council vote on the rule?

- Option: April 20
- Option: April 27
- Option: May 1
- Option: May 15

5. Who is the head of the Maine Music Alliance?

- Option: Doug Kolmar
- Option: Scott Moeller
- Option: Mark Dion
- Option: Live Nation

6. What is a concern mentioned about the new venue?

- Option: Location distance
- Option: Environmental impact
- Option: Parking availability
- Option: Noise levels

True-False

7. The city councilors will make the final decision on the music venue rule.

8. Live Nation has confirmed they will not build the new venue.



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9. Doug Kolmar believes the planning board's decision could stop the build.
 10. Mayor Mark Dion thinks the venue will be rejected by the city council.
 11. Scott Moeller believes Live Nation could help local artists.
 12. The planning board's decision was to approve the rule for music venues.

Gap-Fill

13. The city council will decide on the music venue rule on _____ next.
14. Local musician Doug Kolmar is _____ about the planning board's decision.
15. Live Nation's venue would hold over _____ people.
16. Parking for the new venue is apparently _____ according to the city's development director.
17. Scott Moeller warns that Live Nation could negatively affect local _____ artists.
18. Some community members are worried that a new venue could hurt Portland's music _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Turned down a rule 2. 3,000 people 3. Doug Kolmar 4. April 27 5. Scott Moeller
6. Parking availability

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. April 27 14. happy 15. 3,000 16. available 17. musician 18. scene

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. What is the primary focus of many environmental organizations?
 - Option: Conservation
 - Option: Entertainment
 - Option: Competition
 - Option: Fundraising

 2. Which organisms play a crucial role in the ecosystem by facilitating plant reproduction?
 - Option: Pollinators
 - Option: Carnivores
 - Option: Herbivores
 - Option: Decomposers

 3. What type of event is often held to showcase artistic works?
 - Option: Exhibition
 - Option: Competition
 - Option: Conference
 - Option: Fundraiser

 4. What activity is aimed at gathering financial support for a particular cause?
 - Option: Fundraising
 - Option: Planting
 - Option: Investigating
 - Option: Performing

 5. What type of film provides a factual report on a particular subject?
 - Option: Documentary
 - Option: Drama
 - Option: Comedy
 - Option: Musical

 6. What do individuals often seek to fuel their creativity and motivation?
 - Option: Inspiration
 - Option: Criticism
 - Option: Competition
 - Option: Opposition

 7. Who represents an organization or group in public communications?
 - Option: Spokesperson
 - Option: Producer
 - Option: Actor
 - Option: Director



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8. What term describes something that is not permanent?
Option: Temporary
Option: Permanent
Option: Lasting
Option: Enduring
9. Who are individuals or groups that oppose or contest something?
Option: Opponents
Option: Supporters
Option: Advocates
Option: Collaborators
10. What term refers to artistic presentations before an audience?
Option: Performances
Option: Rehearsals
Option: Preparations
Option: Trainings

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. There is increasing public _____ about the decline of pollinator populations.
12. She decided to pursue a _____ in the performing arts.
13. The recent changes in climate are affecting the environment _____.
14. The organization aims to _____ awareness of conservation efforts.
15. The scientists _____ the findings through rigorous testing.
16. She expressed her _____ to everyone who supported her project.
17. An _____ was launched to look into the allegations of misconduct.
18. The report detailed serious _____ made against the company.
19. The child was placed in temporary _____ while the situation was resolved.
20. The concert will take place at a new _____ this year.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The annual art exhibition attracted visitors from all over the city.
22. The showgirl dazzled the audience with her stunning performance in the musical.
23. The opponents of the project voiced their concerns at the town hall meeting.
24. Planting trees is essential for maintaining ecological balance in urban areas.
25. The changes in legislation could negatively impact small businesses.
26. The annual fundraising gala raised money for local charities and community programs.
27. Her successful career in television began with a small role in a popular series.
28. Many artists find inspiration in nature and everyday life.
29. The documentary provided a compelling look at the lives of endangered species.
30. The spokesperson announced the new initiative during the press conference.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Conservation 2. Pollinators 3. Exhibition 4. Fundraising 5. Documentary 6. Inspiration 7. Spokesperson 8. Temporary 9. Opponents 10. Performances
Gap-Fill: 11. concern 12. career 13. negatively 14. promote 15. confirmed 16. gratitude 17. investigation 18. allegations 19. custody 20. venue
Matching sentence: 1. exhibition 2. showgirl 3. opponents 4. planting 5. negatively 6. fundraising 7. career 8. inspiration 9. documentary 10. spokesperson

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