

March 23, 2016

To Members of the Knoxville City Council and City Staff:

I was hoping to be added to the Agenda for the April 4th City Council Meeting.

With Bike Nite approaching, I've also heard talk of other Downtown events scheduled for summer Fridays... which is very exciting! We at the Grand Theater would like to offer perspective regarding those events' potential impact on parking, and our business overall. From past financial records, I can tell you that Bike Nite, specifically, has impacted the Theater's business substantially. In a business so dependent on Friday, Saturday, Sunday traffic, to take a Friday night off the books – even just one a month – can be seriously detrimental.

I'm not now, nor would I ever ask that events be moved or in any way prohibited from the Downtown Square, just that the City remain respectful of our need for parking (particularly for older patrons) when approving the needed permits for events and promotions Downtown.

Thank you, and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

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