

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: September 11, 2020
Re: Congregational Church Drive in Movie Nights – City Parking Lot No. 1

The City of Charlotte has received a request from the First Congregational Church for use of a portion of City Parking Lot No. 1 on three Saturday evenings this fall for Drive-In Movie Nights.

The Church would host these events, committing to a safe and socially distanced atmosphere. The Church intends to present family-friendly films.

The Church has also committed to informing adjacent businesses of their plans, as well as working with those businesses who might want to contribute to, or participate in, the events. They have also committed to presenting these events in a way that does not interfere with nearby commercial activity. It is anticipated that the new Acapulco Mexican Grill might open during this period, and evening demand for this lot might significantly increase during the time covered by this request. The Church has also indicated that they have an existing relationship with the Eaton Theater, and will work to ensure these events do not compete with or undermine the commercial efforts of the theater if it reopens during this time.

The Church did look at alternate locations downtown, but due to proximity to the Church and the new condition of the parking lot, this is its first choice.

I have prepared a resolution authorizing this use, and asked that it be placed on your Council agenda for this coming Monday's meeting.