

**From:** [Stanek, Albert](#)  
**To:** [Payne, Nancy](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Parking at Festival Hall  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 8:30:02 AM

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Can you please attach the enclosed on the Festival Hall parking item for next week's commission meeting

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**From:** Edgar, Rik  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2012 3:54 PM  
**To:** Stanek, Albert  
**Subject:** Parking at Festival Hall

Al -

I am requesting to have the current fees associated with VenuWorks full-time staff members waived.

Currently, we are paying over \$1,700 per year for four parking spaces in Lot #4 which is attached to Festival Park. That's \$425 for each full-time employee.

The lot is typically empty with the exception of out staff cars unless we are hosting an event. During events, we often have patrons parked in our spots and we have little recourse sine events typically occur (nights and weekends) during hours when there are no parking staff available to remove or ticket offenders. Our only option is to move to a paid spot or park inside the grounds.

In addition to our monthly parking rates for staff parking, we also have the option for renting the lot for our clients during events which displaces our employees in favor of the renter. During those times, we have to either move our vehicles on to grounds, park at Lot 5 or Memorial Hall paid parking.

We also have a rental agreement that has been in place for two years to pay rental rates for the entire lot from October 01 - March 31. During that time we still pay additional fees for the staff cars that are part of the rental area.

Much like other city departments, we have had our overall budget cut and the parking fees are an area where we would like relief. We don't mind paying for Lot #4 for our events and those rentals generated \$3,000 in paid parking lot rentals of in 2011. All of those dollars go directly to City of Racine Parking Division.

All we are asking for is the same parking rights as other city employees - which is to not have to pay to park in order to come to work.

Please forward my request to the Parking and Transit Commission which is to have parking fees for our VenuWorks full-time staff waived.

Thank You,

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