



Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
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January 16, 2019

On behalf of the CANDO Board of Directors, I am writing to express the Board's concern about the proposal to remove trees on Division Street to increase parking.

I am sure you all are aware of the tremendous health benefits associated with urban trees. They help reduce heat, provide cleaner air and water and reduce flooding. This is in addition to the well-documented psychological benefits associated with trees.

Here is one article explaining the importance of trees in the urban environment.

<http://www.urbanreleaf.org/get-educated/benefits-of-trees>

Parking for automobiles on the other hand, provides more heat, impairs drainage, and encourages more driving, which results in more pollution, including more CO₂, the major greenhouse gas.

The City has taken some steps to ensure that the natural environment is given due consideration in its decision making. I hope the City will continue to move in that direction by reconsidering the proposal to remove the Division Street trees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Mc...".

CANDO Chair

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