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Good Morning,

It is my understanding that at tonight's council meeting, a contract will be awarded to Rodarte Construction for sidewalk improvements to 5th Ave NE. Community activists have encouraged us to speak out, because this contract included the removal of 17 mature trees. There is one particular cedar tree which the arborist report recommended be preserved. As has been done in other communities such as Woodway, roads and sidewalks have been routed around landmark trees, rather than remove them.

Is it possible for the Council to remove the construction contract from the calendar today to have the developer review the design? Can the sidewalk location be moved, or the design be altered in a more creative way to allow the preservation of these mature trees? Has the city with the trees in the logo done everything to preserve and promote this way of life? This is an example where it is not too late to change course, even though to do so will cause project delays and probable a higher cost of doing the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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