MEMORANDUM

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From: Ben Snider

Date: 11/14/23

Re: Replacing unused LBCC parking space

**Intro:**

My final project will be a short slideshow presentation detailing why rarely used parking space in the southwestern corner of the LBCC Albany campus should be replaced with trees and a small walking path.

**Background:**

There is a large section of parking space at the back of the already quite extensive southern parking lot. Due to it being so far out of the way, it is barely touched by students and faculty needing to park their vehicles, with closer parking spaces being readily available. This area, therefore, is a waste of space. My proposal is that this space be converted into something more environmentally friendly, and encourages more economical methods of transportation.

**Report:**

A main topic I will address in the presentation is the environmental effects of having the extra parking space compared with replacing it. It also discourages other forms of transportation other than cars, which in turn raises carbon emissions indirectly. I will also be looking into the financial aspect, to compare differences in costs and methods of maintenance between pavement and natural soil terrain. I also intend to make brief mention of the aesthetic differences between an empty parking lot and a space with natural growth. My intended audience will be those who oversee such changes in LBCC leadership. I haven’t looked into who that is yet, but I assume they are a small group of middle-aged people.

**Methods:**

They already probably have an idea of how much maintenance the parking lot requires, so I will probably need to provide more details focused on the replacement option. I will start research by first looking into who it is I need to send the proposal to, and why the parking space hasn’t been changed yet. Then I will look to Google and the campus online library for sources on environmental effects and parking lot maintenance, as well as potential ideas to incorporate into the replacement.