



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 15, 2018

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

Volunteer Programs, part of the Community Development Department, is submitting for approval eight Adopt-A-Spot Beautification agreements to allow volunteers to care for landscaping in street right of way. Staff is excited about the addition of these volunteers to the program; their service to our community is greatly appreciated.

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining landscaped beds in city or state right of way in the City of Columbia in about 100 locations. Adopters are responsible for weeding, watering, and mulching the beds and planting annual flowers and bulbs. Agreements are written for a four-year commitment and each bed has a sign to acknowledge the efforts of the adopter. With these eight agreements, and a number of volunteers who have indicated interest in other available beds, the City has seven locations that do not have adopters. If all adoptions are finalized, the adoption rate for active beds will be 93%.

Staff is asking for Council to approve eight agreements with volunteers to maintain beds:

- Paul Prevo and Tiger Tots Child Development Center has agreed to maintain a bed in Route B just south of US 63. Mr. Prevo has done an excellent job with the bed he has at Paris & Hinkson and we are excited that he will care for this neglected bed.
- Troy Cox with SunRise Gardens LLC has asked to care for the bed in East Broadway just east of Stephens Lake Park. We are working with our contractor to make improvement to the bed before Mr. Cox takes over maintenance.
- The Prime Timers have requested to adopt a median bed in Blue Ridge Road near Dove Drive. The group has already weeded and re-mulched this bed.
- Bailey Robertson has agreed to adopt a median bed in Broadfield just south of Broadway. She lives nearby and is working to weed and mulch the bed.
- Safiyah Elkomy has asked to adopt the median in Green Meadows just east of Providence Road. The City's contractor recently worked on this bed. Ms. Elkomy will be working to replant and mulch this bed. Her family has had success with a spot at the corner of Nifong and Bethel so she has an understanding of the responsibilities of this program.
- The Zimmerman Family will care for two median beds in Rollins Road near Scott Boulevard. Tim Zimmerman and his family live nearby and are excited about this opportunity to beautify their neighborhood.
- The Women's Wellness Center has agreed to care for the bed at the northwest corner of Business Loop 70 and Garth Avenue. Mark & Laura Grant have enthusiastically agreed to care for this spot.



- The Rock Bridge High School National Honor Society would like to adopt Forum Beds 9 & 10 near the Country Club of Missouri. The group will be weeding and mulching these beds on October 13.

City staff will work with these volunteers to provide mulch, annual flowers, bulbs and plants as needed to help them be successful. City staff review the beds two to three times each year to provide feedback to volunteers and help ensure program quality. Staff will terminate agreements with volunteers who are not meeting the standards for weed free beds with color throughout the growing season. The City's Volunteer Programs staff appreciates the investment that volunteers put into Adopt-A-Spot beds to be enjoyed by hundreds of residents and visitors each day.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City will provide signs acknowledging the work of adopters in each bed for a total cost of \$1170. In addition the City will provide mulch, plants, annuals and bulbs for a total two year cost not to exceed \$4000.

Long-Term Impact: The City's Volunteer Programs provides ongoing support for Adopt A Spot beds including water meter and hydrant maintenance and repair, replacement plants, mulch, bulbs and annual flowers. No more than \$15,000 is spent on the program to support more than 90 beds. Volunteers provide the labor to maintain these beds at no cost to the City.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	n/a

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt A Spot agreements.