



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 18, 2017

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

Volunteer Programs, part of the Community Development Department, is submitting for approval of four Adopt-A-Spot Beautification agreements to allow volunteers to care for landscaping in street right of way.

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining 102 landscaped beds in city or state right of way in the City of Columbia. 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. Currently 92 beds, or 91%, have adopters

Staff is asking for council to approve four agreements with volunteers to maintain beds:

- Mill Creek Village has agreed to adopt the roundabout located at Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road. This bed was replanted in the summer in cooperation with the Stormwater Division of Utilities to include native Missouri plants and eliminate turf that required mowing.
- The Battle High School Baseball team is taking over the maintenance of the roundabout at Clark Lane and St. Charles Road. This bed was previously adopted by Battle Athletics. This is a minor change to current maintenance but we hope results in an improvement for the bed.
- Mow-It-Alls LLC has agreed to care for Forum Bed 8 located near the intersection of Forum and Shoreside Drive. This is an existing bed and the adopter is going to start work this month and will be installing new perennial plants.
- Chalen Jackson with Country Financial has agreed to care for the beds at the intersection of Providence Road and Green Meadows Road. These are existing beds; Mr. Jackson will continue to maintain the plants installed from the previous adopter.

City staff will work with these volunteers to provide mulch, annual flowers, bulbs and replacement 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 each adopter for a total cost of \$520. In addition the City will provide mulch, plants, annuals and bulbs for a total two year cost not to exceed \$1000.

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
None	None

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt A Spot agreements.