



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2017

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

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

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining 101 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 87 beds, or 86%, have adopters

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

- CMSE Giving Gardens would like to care for landscaping in front of the Providence Recycling Drop-off Center. Landscaping was included as part of the site development when this center was converted from a Fire Station.
- Leland Butman has agreed to take over maintenance for the roundabout located in Rollins Road near the Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary. This roundabout has existing landscaping.
- Grace Bible Church has applied to care for a median bed near their facility on Blue Ridge Road between Providence and Rangeline. This bed currently is not planted; City staff will work with them to re-establish landscaping in this bed in spring 2018.

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 \$390. In addition the City will provide mulch, plants, annuals and bulbs for a total two year cost not to exceed \$1000.



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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.