



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 5, 2020

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

Volunteer Programs, part of the Community Development Department, is submitting for approval two Adopt-A-Spot Beautification agreements to allow volunteers to care for landscaping in street right of way. Staff appreciates the efforts of these new adopters; 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 102 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 agreements and others in progress, the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification program is at a 94% adoption rate.

Staff is asking for council to approve two Adopt A Spot Agreements:

- The Wightman Family has agreed to care for the landscaping in a median bed located in Chapel Hill Road, west of Scott Boulevard. They are working with their neighbors with a focus on the landscaping in the ends of the median, identified as the third median west of Scott.
- Noble Pain Management has agreed to adopt the roundabout located at Keene Street and I-70 Drive SE. The landscaping is scheduled to be installed on October 10 with the help of volunteers, using plants native to Missouri.

The City supports volunteers with plants, mulch and other support. Spots are reviewed to provide feedback to volunteers and help ensure program quality. Agreements are terminated 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.



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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City will provide signs acknowledging adopters in each bed for a total cost of \$130. Additional support for mulch and plants should not exceed \$1,000.
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 100 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:](#)

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Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	n/a

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt A Spot agreements.