



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 5, 2017

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

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

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining 99 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 89 beds, or 90%, have adopters

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

- The Stephens College Advisory Council is caring for an existing bed in East Broadway just east of Stephens Lake Park. This bed has existing plants and the College Advisory Council is weeding and mulching this median bed.
- Black & Gold Tavern has agreed to care for Blue Ridge Bed #3 located in Blue Ridge Road west of Rangeline. This is an existing bed with water supply.
- Rockin' Rents will care for the median bed in Green Meadows Road just east of Providence. This is a narrow median bed with some existing plants but Rockin' Rents intends to enhance the bed with more plants.
- Sean Ryno and the Demaret Area Care would like to adopt a roundabout located in St. Charles Road on the east edge of Columbia. This roundabout has not been previously planted but Sean and his neighbors have started work to establish a bed here. This roundabout does have water for irrigation.
- The Aurora Organic Dairy has requested to take over a planting area at the northeast corner of Route B and Waco Road near their location. They have taken over the maintenance and expense of water and will be maintaining the existing plants and adding more.
- Darrell Whitmarsh has agreed to adopt median bed #4 located in Chapel Hill Road west of Scott Boulevard. Most of the median is turf; Darrell will assist by planting and maintaining landscaped areas in the ends of the median.

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 also review the beds two to three times each year to provide feedback to volunteers and help ensure program



quality. 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 \$780. In addition the City will provide mulch, plants, annuals and bulbs for a total two year cost not to exceed \$2000.

Long-Term Impact: The City's Volunteer Programs office 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.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Character, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

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.