



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2016

Re: Adopt A Spot Beautification Agreements

Executive Summary

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

Discussion

Volunteers are responsible for maintaining 93 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.

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

- Parkade Center would like to adopt Forum Beds 9 and 10, in Forum between Crestwood Lane and Shoreside Drive. These are existing beds.
- Chris Hull, House of Brokers, will take over Chapel Hill Road bed 5. Chapel Hill Road west of Scott has a series of grass medians; volunteers including Chris are maintaining plantings areas in the ends of the medians.
- Sustain Mizzou: Beekeeping Project has requested taking over the roundabout at Old 63 and Chinaberry. In response to neighbor complaints about the height of the previous landscaping material, the Sustain Mizzou group will be installing new, shorter, plant material to create a pollinator garden.
- A-1 Lawn Care and Brett Miller are taking over care of an existing bed in Nifong Boulevard near Club Village Drive.
- Cub Scout Pack 992 has agreed to maintain an existing bed at Brown School Road and Derby Ridge Drive.
- Joseph Szucs would like to maintain the roundabout at Southampton Drive and State Farm Parkway.
- Steve Wendling has agreed to formalize his adoption of the roundabout at Green Meadows and Carter Lane. Mr. Wendling installed landscaping in this roundabout previously and he will provide continued maintenance.

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 \$910. In addition the City will provide mulch, plants, annuals and bulbs for a total two year cost not to exceed \$2500.

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.

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
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt A Spot agreements.