



Department Source: Community Development - NS

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 2, 2020

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. 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 95% adoption rate.

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

- Billy Voight will be taking over care of the roundabout at Woodridge Drive and Evergreen Lane. This is an existing bed that has been cared for by neighbors over the years, and we appreciate Mr. Voight's efforts. Mr. Voight will work to make repairs to the landscaping results from the cut-through traffic created during the Keene Street/I-70 Drive SE construction.
- Ed Hohlt, Agent, Shelter Insurance, is adopting the roundabout at Nifong and S. Old Mill Creek Road. Initial landscaping was installed here on October 3 by the Hohlt family and community volunteers. An additional rock ring is planned at the edge of the roundabout. Mr. Hohlt had a spot previously at Forum and Nifong that was removed with this year's road construction.
- The roundabout at St. Charles Road and Lake of the Woods Road is being adopted by Vicki Schulte. This is an existing bed with river rock and native plants.

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.



## 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: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	n/a

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Adopt A Spot agreements.