



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021
From: Randy Frazer, City Manager
Item: Adoption Proposal for Wilson Park/Docking Garden Fountain

Purpose: Consider a Resolution approving a recommendation of the Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board to initiate an adoption contract for one year with Kayleigh Lawson for the old fountain in the Docking Memorial Garden at Wilson Park, located at 701 N. Summit St. in Arkansas City. **(Voice Vote)**

Background:

The City Commission on **April 19, 2016**, voted to approve the City's park adoption policy, since re-termed the "Public Land Adoption Policy." A copy of the current policy follows later in this packet.

Kayleigh Lawson, a member of the Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees and Historic Preservation Board, has applied to "adopt" the old fountain in the Docking Memorial Garden at **Wilson Park**. As you can see on the attached paperwork, Mrs. Lawson proposes to turn the nonfunctional fountain into a series of raised planting beds. She will plant and help maintain various species of pollinator-friendly plants. The proposed list of species is also attached and does not include any milkweed plants. Mrs. Lawson proposes to purchase the plants herself and is willing to help to water them, but would appreciate help from City staff.

The **Beautification and Tree Advisory Board** voted 3-0 during its regular meeting on **June 24** (*meeting minutes are included as part of City Advisory Board Reports, near the end of this packet*) to recommend that the City Commission approve initiating this adoption by Kayleigh Lawson for one (1) year.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution.
2. Disapprove the Resolution.
3. Table the Resolution for further consideration.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2021-08-____
2. Wilson Park Adoption Contract
3. Proposed List of Plant Species
4. Public Land Adoption Policy

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager