

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO MANAGE, ADMINISTER, DESIGN, BUDGET AND CONTROL MEMORIALS WITHIN CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Venice has traditionally allowed certain memorials to individuals to be placed in its parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the items used for these amenities memorialized require resources to coordinate, purchase, install, construct, maintain and replace; and

WHEREAS, the administration of these programs provides an opportunity for private, non-profit organizations to assist in the maintenance of city parks and open space and to raise funds to improve city parks and open space; and

WHEREAS, a formal process for the selection of amenity locations, costs and limitations and for the approval of the memorials benefits the community by providing an opportunity to publicly recognize someone and by making sure that every interested citizen is treated fairly and equitably.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Staff establishes a program to manage, administer, design, budget and control memorials within city parks and open space. The program will encompass all city parks and open spaces, any existing or planned amenity and any non-planned amenity provided the amenity receive a positive recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and approval by City Council.

SECTION 3. Sarasota County's concurrence shall be obtained for memorials in county-maintained parks.

SECTION 4. All memorials shall be limited to recognition of individuals. Groups, pets, or inanimate objects are not eligible.

SECTION 5. Staff shall administer the program until the city contracts with a private, non-profit organization to assume administrative duties with staff continuing to assist in installation and maintenance of said memorials in partnership with such organization.

SECTION 6. Staff shall develop design standards for memorial items, including size and materials for plaques or signs used at memorials.

SECTION 7. The amount charged for memorials shall be based on the actual material and labor cost for each type of memorial plus a reasonable administrative charge.

SECTION 8. Any private, non-profit organization contracted to administer the program shall be allowed to use a specific program or specific type of amenity for raising funds for a project or maintenance effort in city parks or open spaces.

SECTION 9. The program shall establish a term for each type of amenity based on the maintenance and life cycle considerations and that purchasers of such memorials be given options to extend the term for their specific memorial.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

ATTEST

John W. Holic, Mayor

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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