

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, CREATING AN ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY RENOWNED CITY PLANNER JOHN NOLEN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, John Nolen was a renowned city planner and landscape architect, and the first American to publicly define himself as a city and town planner; and

WHEREAS, as an urban planner John Nolen completed comprehensive plans for more than 25 communities across America; and was the official landscape architect for such communities as Kingsport, Tennessee; Madison, Wisconsin; Reading, New Jersey; New London, Connecticut; Bristol, Connecticut; and Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, following his success in creating a plan for Mariemont, Ohio, Nolen traveled to Florida to embark on what he called the “last Frontier”, wherein Nolen’s firm worked on 54 Florida projects, and in 1925 Nolen drafted a plan for Venice, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the foresight and planning perspective of John Nolen has made a positive impression on the development of many communities across the county, both as the inspiration for the “New Urbanist” movement and by emphasizing with walkability and a blend of beauty and practical lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, in particular, his foresight and planning evidences a valued and enduring influence on the cities of Mariemont, Ohio, and Venice, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The cities of Mariemont, Ohio and Venice, Florida formalize a relationship of municipalities commemorating and dignifying the planning efforts and successes of John Nolen.

SECTION 2. This union of municipalities will be entitled “Association of Nolen Communities”.

SECTION 3. Membership to this association shall be open to cities and towns that have benefited from the planning influences and contributions of John Nolen.

SECTION 4. Attachment A shall serve as the guidelines for the Association of Nolen Communities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Venice City Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 8th day of November, 2016, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 8th day of November, 2016.

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

David Persson, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A

ASSOCIATION OF NOLEN COMMUNITIES

Section 1. Statement of Objectives

The City of Venice (the “city”) seeks to form relationships that enhance its citizens’ understanding of other Nolen Communities. The City will support and encourage the establishment of the **Association of Nolen Communities** (Association), which serves the following objectives:

1. To provide opportunity for citizens to interact and exchange social, technical and educational ideas within the communities of this Association.
2. To share expertise in solving municipal problems; and
3. To develop business and economic ties in Venice and other parts of the world.

Section 2. Selection Guidelines

To ensure the Association reflects the community’s interest and are managed effectively by the City of Venice to address the above goals and objectives, qualifications and compatibility of potential affiliations should include the following:

1. Sustainable community presence showing support and forming an organization willing to work closely with the City of Venice.
2. Similarity in historical development utilizing renowned city planner John Nolen.

Section 3. Guidelines for Conduct

To assure that the Association reflects the interests of the community and works effectively with the City of Venice, the volunteer organization and any requests for an affiliation through the Association program shall follow the guidelines listed below:

1. The Association will be comprised of member communities who have a variety of cultural and commercial interests in the success and continued operation of the Association.
2. The process to become affiliated with the Association is as follows:
 - a. The Cities of Mariemont, Ohio and Venice, Florida (Cities) are responsible for all requested Association relationships.

- b. A request to establish an Association relationship must be made in writing to the Cities by a jurisdiction willing to make a long term commitment to the activities necessary for such a relationship. The request must include a description of the petitioning city.
- c. The Cities will review the submitted information on each nominated city as to its compatibility to the Association.
- d. The Cities will submit their recommendation to their respective Historical Preservation Board (Board). The Boards will then review and present the nominated city to their respective City Council.
- e. The City Council will decide whether to approve the nomination. Approval must be given by both City Councils in order for the nominee to be accepted into the Association.

Section 4. City Funding for the Association

1. City Funding for the Association activities and programs shall be limited to administrative support and services including:
 - a. Providing staff support necessary to establish and maintain communication with its Association cities.
 - b. Professional services such as printing, mailing services, signage and graphic design.
2. The amount of funding for the administrative support and services will be determined by the City Council through the annual budget process.
3. Donation of a city asset to Association cities with a reasonable value under \$100 and when the donation clearly serves a public purpose, may be authorized by the City Manager, provided the recipient is a public entity. Such donations may include:
 - a. Appropriate activities to receive public officials or their delegates when visiting Venice on official Association business.
 - b. The exchange of information and material which support the objective of providing social, cultural and educational services, or economic benefit to the public.
 - c. The exchange of technical resources, when such an exchange serves the objectives outlined in this policy, and is necessary to establish or maintain the Association affiliation.
4. Non-perishable official gifts made to the City, its elected officials or staff members, received in the course of Association activities will be sole property of the City of Venice. The City will maintain an inventory of such gifts and will attempt to display them in appropriate public settings.