

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

Vice-Mayor Marsland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Sister City with the City of Venice, Florida. The following Council members were present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Hlad, Mr. Marsland and Ms. Palazzolo.

Vice-Mayor Marsland said this is a feel good relationship similar to the Sister City we share with Hampstead Gardens in England. He does not see any down side to this.

Mayor Policastro said we have a good relationship with Hampstead Gardens in England and he personally went to visit the town and its officials. The new condos on Miami Road will be named after Hampstead Gardens. This could include a group of John Nolen communities throughout the nation. Mariemont Preservation Foundation is on board with the concept. Council needs a report to pass a Resolution which everyone has a copy of. Mayor Policastro had lunch with Mayor Holic of Venice, Florida along with Claire Kupferle of MPF last summer at the National Exemplar.

Vice-Mayor Marsland said it will work well for MPF as they will have access to another treasure trove of artifacts and documentation.

Ms. Palazzolo said it appears that Venice, Florida will be the hub for the consortium of the John Nolen Cities. Mayor Policastro said they will be the ones that reach out to the other towns. It would be a great way to share ideas and work together.

Mr. Brown said Venice is a larger community. Mayor Policastro said it would be comparable to Blue Ash.

Mr. Hlad said it would be interesting to see if the Mariemont Inn and the Historic Hotel in Venice would offer discounts to residents from the visiting Sister City to encourage people to visit each community.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to draft a Resolution to establish Sister City status. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer