

John Nolen Historic District Street Sign Topper Project

Project Description

Venice Heritage, Inc. and Venice MainStreet, Inc. teamed up on this project to educate the community and visitors on an important part of our heritage. The City of Venice was planned by John Nolen who developed the original design for a sustainable community. The outlines of the original district are irregular and most people could not identify the original planned areas. VHI and VMS decided to identify the John Nolen Historic District with street sign toppers. The City of Venice gave their approval to the project. VMS and VHI designed the street sign topper. The base color was terra cotta that looked well next to both county and city signs. The verbiage clearly states, John Nolen Historic District, established 1926. The picture on the sign is a reproduction of the original logo used on the city plans. The project was privately funded at a cost of \$10,929.00. All of the 189 sign toppers were installed by volunteers from VHI, VMS and the Venice Area Young Professionals to designate the district. This project has promoted community pride for the additional recognition of our Venice heritage. Now, everyone visiting can clearly identify the original planned areas of the City of Venice.

Organizational Biographies

Venice Heritage, Inc. is a 501c3 dedicated to preserving and promoting the Venice area's rich cultural heritage, including the surrounding communities of Osprey, Laurel and Nokomis. VHI was created four years ago from a merger of the Triangle Inn Association and Friends of the Lord Higel House to better serve the community. As an advocate for historic preservation, VHI educates the public about the area's history and provides financial and logistical support to the City-owned Venice Museum & Archives.

Venice MainStreet, Inc. is a 501c3 formed under the National Historic Trust in 1987. It is dedicated to Historic Preservation, Beautification, Community and Economic Vitality in the Greater Venice area. One of their primary activities is promoting and educating the public about the Venice's rich history. The VMS Design committee works closely with the City of Venice's Historic Preservation Board