

Miami River Commission's Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee January 14, 2020 Minutes

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways subcommittees conducted a public meeting on January 14, 2020, 3 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sign in sheets are enclosed. MRC Urban Infill Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley conducted the public meeting.

I. Miami Dade County Public Housing and Community Development Presentation Regarding "River Parc" Development at 1407 NW 7 ST

Urban Infill Subcommittee Chairman Murley stated he works for Miami-Dade County, therefore he will run the meeting but will not issue a non-binding suggestion for the full MRC boards consideration. Chairman Murley stated he wants to focus on the Riverfront components of the proposal. Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) Director Michael Liu and Albert Milo Jr, Related Urban, distributed copies of the "River Parc Master Plan (1.06.2020)". Mr. Carlos Salas, President of the Spring Garden Civic Association asked for the item to be deferred because he hadn't met with the presenters. The presenters agreed to meet with the Spring Garden Civic Association before this item is considered at the full MRC's February 3 public meeting, noon, 1407 NW 7 ST. Urban Infill Chairman Murley stated this preliminary public MRC subcommittee meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to receive the distributed plans, upcoming presentation, and an opportunity for the public to communicate with the presenters.

PHCD Director Liu stated the proposal will provide needed affordable housing, in partnership with the private sector development partner. Director Liu stated the 1st building is complete and the 2nd building is currently under construction. Mr. Milo stated numerous previous public meetings were held regarding the proposal, which per the distributed plans feature:

- 1) Public Riverwalk and waterfront building setbacks consistent with the City of Miami Zoning Code Section 3.11 and Appendix B, connecting to the east with NW 13 Ave and to the west under I-836, and featuring security as supported by the residents
- 2) Art in Public Places
- 3) Multi-Purpose Room
- 4) Gym
- 5) Courtyards
- 6) Paseos
- 7) River Plaza (x2)
- 8) "Triangle Park"
- 9) "Waterfront Park"
- 10) "Linear Park"
- 11) Restaurant / Commercial Space (details TBD)

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PHCD Director Liu stated PHCD will submit an application in the current grant cycle to the Florida Inland Navigation District for a 50% cost share for the proposed new needed and code required seawall and public Riverwalk.

Mr. Milo stated the proposal is consistent with the existing land use, T6-8 zoning and Sections 3.15, 3.11, and Appendix B.

The following email was distributed:

“My compliments to the development team! I wanted to make a couple of points regarding the site plan. I make these points not to hinder the process, but to let stakeholders know that the City will ensure that the following items will be independently confirmed phase by phase:

1. Setbacks: all structures are subject to 50' waterfront setbacks, specifically, there is 50' open to the air from the mean high water line.
 - a. Access: Within the setback, a publicly accessible Riverwalk will be included per City of Miami design guidelines.
 - b. Waiver of setback requirements may be granted by the City Commission via a Planning Department application.
2. Special uses: Additional Special permits specific to individual phases and structure will be required as development progresses, i.e. outdoor dining and affordable housing special benefits.

Hopefully, this assurance and requirements will allow the overall masterplan to proceed and allow the River Commission to focus on the items in their purview without being distracted by details which will be under separate future applications.

Best regards,
Jeremy Calleros Gauger
Deputy Director, Planning Department
City of Miami”

Nancy Jackson, Office of Commissioner Higgins, stated Commissioner Higgins support the proposal.

Theo Long, adjacent Grove Park Neighborhood homeowner immediately west of the subject site asked if the depicted dock is part of the proposal, and Mr. Milo replied conceptually and that he rules of the Manatee Protection Plan etc. will apply to the County and the team will bring more details in the future. Ms. Long and Mr. Milo stated support for the concept of water transportation, and Mr. Salas objected to water transportation. Ms. Long suggested saving the sites larger trees, and Mr. Milo replied many of the trees are being maintained in the various park spaces etc., and new trees are being planted including some native trees and plants.

Mr. Salas, President of the Spring Garden Civic Association (north side of the Miami River east of 12 Ave), stated they object to the proposed restaurant. Mr. Milo pledged the commercial / restaurant space will not include a night club. Mr. Salas asked for more detailed information regarding the public Riverwalk, number of units, etc

II. Update Regarding Waterborne Transportation

Andrew Schimmel, City of Miami Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, distributed and presented a "Waterborne Transportation - Overview" presentation. Mr. Schimmel stated Miami-Dade County has spearheaded the effort by reaching out to the City of Miami and City of Miami Beach to create a 2 stop dedicated water transportation route between a location on Miami Beach (TBD) and the City of Miami's selected location, which is the City owned seawall along the public Riverwalk at the Hyatt Hotel, which is adjacent to the "Riverwalk" Metro-Mover station and a large public parking lot. The vessel will not require openings of the Brickell Bridge. The County administrations proposed private sector vessel is climate controlled and holds 149 passengers. Mr. Schimmel stated the County will be subsidizing fares for residents. Mr. Schimmel stated the vessel will depart every 20 minutes, and will reduce vehicular traffic. Mr. Schimmel stated there is a potential for future expansions of waterborne transportation. Mr. Schimmel noted he expects to be joined by Irene Hegedus, Miami Dade County, when this item is presented to the full MRC's February 3 public meeting, noon, 1407 NW 7 ST.

III. New Business

The meeting adjourned.

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