Miami River Commission's Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee March 13, 2023

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee convened a public meeting on March 13, 2023, Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave. The sign in sheet is attached.

I) Review Potentially Required Permits

Attendees discussed the following potentially required permits for a Holiday Boat Parade on the Miami River, December 9, estimated 6:30 - 9 PM, a line of 40 vessels x 45 feet max each = 1,800 feet. 200 feet between each vessel x 23 gaps = 4,600 feet. Grand total = 6,400 feet navigates at idle no wake speed from Brickell Bridge to Tamiami Canal and back. An estimated 15 boats will require openings on taller bridges, while 25 boats will slip beneath without an opening. All boats in parade, plus marine patrol boats, will monitor Radio Channel 9 and all trade cell phone #'s. The line will proceed from east to west before it gets dark, and then when it is dark the parade starts as the boats return from west to east, ending at the confluence of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay with a potential fireworks or drone display. All vessels will be required to indemnify the City, MRC, etc and provide Certificates of Insurance coinsuring the City, MRC, etc.

City of Miami Marine Patrol – Oriel Tameron stated Marine Patrol will be needed in front and at the end of the moving parade, which will proceed at idle no wake speed.

Miami-Dade County DERM – McKee Gray, Chief of Natural Resources Division, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), stated they will require an Expedited Administrative Authorization (EAA), which has a \$250 fee. DERM will require marine patrol, idle no wake speed, captains contact info similar to boat show, but will not require manatee spotters.

United States Coast Guard – LT Ben Adrien stated he will email a link from the Homeport website to submit a "Marine Event Permit" application online.

FDOT – Will attend the next monthly Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee public meeting.

II) New Business

Mercedes Rodriguez stated she and MRC Director Bibeau are scheduling a meeting with Rolando Aedo, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), to ask for their leadership and sponsorship of the Holiday Boat Parade.

The next Holiday Boat Parade subcommittee public meeting was scheduled for April 17, 1 PM, Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave.

The public meeting adjourned.

Miami River Commission

Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee Public Meeting

March 13, 2023 – 1 PM

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