

**Miami River Commission's  
Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee  
April 24, 2023**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on April 24, 2023, 1407 NW 7 ST, at 2:30 PM. The sign in sheet is attached.

**I) Review Status of Creating "Seamless" Public Riverwalk Connections Between:**

**a. Aston Martin Residences and One Miami**

Carlos Lago, Greenberg Traurig, distributed a picture of current conditions, and plans for the seamless riverwalk connection between Aston Martin Residences which is under construction, and One Miami.

**b. Latitude on the River and 2 Ave Bridge**

Karen Fish Will, owner of Latitude on the River, stated her engineers applied for an Army Corps of Engineer's permit, and are about to submit responses to the Army Corps of Engineers questions. Ms. Fish Will commended MRC Director Bibeau for his assistance.

**c. Miami River SAP and Jose Marti Park**

Attendees reviewed and discussed excerpts from the City of Miami Commission adopted Miami River SAP and its Development Agreement, which are now part of the Zoning Code. SAP sites require a minimum of 9 acres, and this private site was less than 9 acres therefore the developer Chetrit Group partnered with the City of Miami whom provided additional acreage from Jose Marti Park etc. to meet the 9-acre requirement in a joint SAP application. The distributed City Commission approved SAP renditions depict 2 bicycles using the public Riverwalk in Jose Marti Park beneath I-95, and the Development Agreement states, "Public Riverwalk, Seawall and Bulkhead Improvements – Developer will construct a connected Riverwalk beginning at SW 3 Ave and continuing through Jose Marti Park in compliance with the Miami River Greenway Action Plan, Miami River Corridor Urban Infill Plan, and Miami 21, \$3,167,370". The Raymond Jungles design approved in the City's SAP went through years of public hearings and input. After the SAP was adopted, a different plan was made for Jose Marti Park (yet to be presented to the City Commission), and the connecting public Riverwalk area approved in the SAP by the City Commission in Jose Marti Park beneath I-95 was proposed to be replaced with a living shoreline which doesn't provide a directly connecting Riverwalk as required by code and the adopted SAP. The SAP is currently well along in construction, therefore this has become time sensitive.

Police Commander Ellington asked during the current construction phase in the subject area for No Trespassing signs to be placed where SW 3 Ave dead ends into the Miami River's South Shore, and Parks Director Evans agreed to order the signs. Attendees discussed the potential of including this public ROW inside of Jose Marti Park, or having Public Works temporarily fence it off until the public Riverwalk is completed.

#### **d. Casa Neos and Flagler Bridge**

Ben Fernandez and Guillaume Vidallet presented new plans which were revised since being presented to the MRC. The new plans no longer provide for the public Riverwalk to potentially seamlessly connect into the City owned public riverfront greenspace (located between the private parcel and Flagler Bridge) as required by code. Mr. Barrera suggested adding a note to the Developer's presented new plans that when the City improves their neighboring public riverwalk, the developers will remove their planned new fence, palm tree, and landscaping to allow the public Riverwalk to connect. Mr. Neal Schafers, DDA, stated the DDA appropriated a \$25,000 cost share to improve the public Riverwalk on the subject City owned riverfront site, and for years the DDA and MRC have been recommending the City apply to a FIND grant. Mr. Fernandez indicated their distributed draft public riverwalk covenant will be executed and recorded when the pending outdoor dining warrant is adopted.

### **II) New Business**

The public meeting adjourned.

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1407 NW 7 ST, Arts and Crafts Room

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