

**City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee  
June 12, 2023**

The City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee convened a public meeting on June 12, 2023, 1 PM, at 1407 NW 7 ST. The sign in sheet is attached.

Mercedes Librada Rodriguez provided a positive update regarding the City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade. Attendees discussed the City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade on the Miami River, December 2, estimated 6:00 - 8 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 vessels will require openings on taller bridges, while 25 vessels will slip beneath without an opening. All vessels in the parade, plus marine patrol and fire department vessels, will monitor Radio Channel 9 and all trade cell phone #'s. The slowly moving line of vessels will proceed from east to west, turn around while keeping their place in line, and then the parade officially starts as the boats return from west to east, ending at the confluence of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay fireworks displays at the mouth of the River and Lummus Park. All vessels will be required to indemnify the City, County and MRC, and provide Certificates of Insurance coinsuring the City, County and MRC.

- I. **Status of USCG Permit** – Brett Bibeau, Managing Director, Miami River Commission, presented a May 10 email from the USCG acknowledging receipt of the subject "Marine Event" permit application, and a June 12 email changing the date from Saturday, December 9, to Saturday, December 2. Robert Olivas, USCG, noted this permit application will be publicly noticed providing the public 30 days to submit written comments.
  
- II. **Status of FDOT Permit** – Ms Rodriguez stated now that the City Commission recently formally adopted an item officially creating the "City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade", the City is expected to sign the drafted letter soon which is a requirement to submit in order for the FDOT permit application to be submitted. Mr. Bibeau stated this morning he spoke with Pablo Orozco, FDOT, whom is unavailable to attend today but stated he would attend the July 17 City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee meeting, 1 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST.
  
- III. **Status of Miami-Dade County Public Works Permit** – The City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee's May public meeting minutes state, "Sandra, Miami-Dade County Public Works, stated they will not require a separate permit for their Bridge openings, rather will accept the USCG permit which was previously applied for."

- IV. **Status of DERM Permit** – Spencer Crowley stated Miami-Dade County DERM does not have the legal authority to regulate nor require a permit for the subject Miami River Holiday Boat Parade. Mercedes Rodriguez stated DERM Director Lisa Spadafina, asked for a letter with the pertinent facts so that she may consider whether or not she feels a County permit is required for the City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade. Brett Bibeau stated he would write a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the subject letter, and email it to Mr. Crowley for potential revisions. Mr. Crowley recommended no letter be sent, because no permit is required, but he agreed to review a draft letter if one is to be sent.
- V. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami Police Department Participation**  
Ms. Mercedes Librada Rodriguez thanked the various Officers participating in today's public meeting from the City of Miami and Miami Dade County Police Departments. Ms. Rodriguez distributed a list of the Parks along the River where people will be able to watch the parade for free, and police officers will be present. In addition, Ms. Rodriguez distributed a list of the Miami River Bridges, noting ownership which is either FDOT or MDC. Attendees discussed the 2 road closures, the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge for 2 extended bridge openings, and NW North River Drive from NW 2 to NW 3 ST. Ms Rodriguez stated alcohol will be sold in Lummus Park. The Police Department agreed to provide an updated in-kind services invoice with the new date.
- VI. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami Fire Department Participation** –  
Ms. Rodriguez thanked the City of Fire Department for provided a written invoice for their in-kind services, and asked them to change the date to December 2. Ms. Rodriguez also thanked the Miami-Dade County Fire Department for agreeing to provide in-kind services in the unincorporated Dade portion of the Parade route.
- VII. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami Parks Department Participation**  
Ms. Rodriguez thanked the City of Miami Parks Department for providing a written invoice for their in-kind services, and asked them to change the date to December 2.
- VIII. **Status of DDA Sponsorship** – Attendees thanked the DDA for including a \$10,000 sponsorship for the City of Miami's Holiday Boat Parade in their draft Budget to be voted on by the City Commission in September, and if approved would become available in October 2023.

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- IX. **Status of Miami-Dade County Community Grant (CG) Application –** Mr. Bibeau stated the MRC was awarded a CG grant for Riverday in 2023, therefore isn't eligible to apply again for the Holiday Boat Parade. Therefore, he thanked the Friends of the Underline whom agreed to submit the \$7,500 competitive grant application and he will assist with the paperwork.
- X. **Status of Miami Dade County Tourist Development Council (TDC) Grant Application -** Mr. Bibeau stated the MRC was awarded a TDC grant for Riverday in 2023, therefore isn't eligible to apply again for the Holiday Boat Parade. Therefore, he thanked the Friends of the Underline whom agreed to submit the \$10,000 competitive grant application and he will assist with the paperwork.
- XI. **Discuss Yacht Clubs –** Ms Rodriguez stated she and Mr Bibeau recently met with the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and have a meeting scheduled on June 15 at 8 PM with the Miami Outboard Club.
- XII. **Discuss Pro Sports Teams Vessels –** Mr. Bibeau authored a 1<sup>st</sup> draft letter from Ms. Rodriguez inviting all local professional sports teams to have Vessels in the Parade.
- XIII. **Status of Miami River Shipping Terminals Not Navigating Miami River on 12/9, from 6-10 PM –** On April 26 Mark Bailey, Miami River Marine Group, emailed the Miami River's international shipping terminals regarding the planned Holiday Boat Parade. As of May 10, he had not received any objections to shipping vessels not navigating the Miami River during the Parade. Mr. Bailey stated he would email an update with the new December 2 date.
- XIV. **Update Regarding City Commission 6/8 Agenda Item RE 11 Creating the “City of Miami’s 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade” and waiving all City fees for Police, Fire, Parks, etc. -** Ms. Rodriguez thanked the City Commission for unanimously adopting 6/8 Agenda Item RE 11 Creating the “City of Miami’s 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade” and waiving all City fees for Police, Fire, Parks, etc.
- XV. **Discussion of Documents to be Posted on Miami River Commission Website –** Mr. Bibeau distributed a 1<sup>st</sup> draft “Holiday Vessel Registration Form”. Ms. Rodriguez and Committee attendees stated revisions, which Mr. Bibeau stated he would incorporate into a revised 2<sup>nd</sup> draft version.

**XVI. New Business**

Ms. Rodriguez stated she would like alcohol to be sold in Lummus Park and she would ask Bacardi to donate product.

Ms. Rodriguez stated she asked a clothing company to donate shirts for the City of Miami's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade

The next City of Miami's Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee's public meeting will be held July 17, 1 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST.

The public meeting adjourned.

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## Public Meeting

June 12, 2023 - 1 pM

1407 NW 7 ST, Arts and Crafts Boardroom (facing Miami River)

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