

Miami River Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2013

Mr. Horacio Stuart Aguirre, Chairman of the Miami River Commission (MRC), convened the public meeting at noon, July 1, 2013, 1407 NW 7 ST, Miami, FL.

Miami River Commission (MRC) Policy Committee Members and/or Designees attending:

Horacio Stuart Aguirre, Chairman

Jay Carmichael, Vice-Chairman

Patty Harris, designee for Governor

Sandy Batchelor, South Florida Water Management District

Marlene Avalo, designee for County Commissioner Barreiro

Gary Winston, designee for State Attorney

Megan Kelly, Designee for Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Philip Everingham, designee for Marine Council

Manny Prieguez, Member at Large Appointed by City of Miami

Orin Black, designee for Miami River Marine Group

Ernie Martin, Neighborhood Representative appointed by the City of Miami Commission

MRC Staff:

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

Others attending interested in the River:

Please see attached sign in sheets.

I. Chair Report – Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

The MRC unanimously adopted the previously distributed draft June 3 public meeting minutes.

The rotating PowerPoint presentation featured pictures from the MRC's June Miami River Greenway beautification efforts.

The MRC's "Presentation Standard Operating Procedures" were distributed.

A sample MRC new member handbook was presented, featuring MRC enabling legislation, recent Annual Report, Miami River Map and Guide, MRC Subcommittee Structure and Presentation Standard Operating Procedures, and a CD with MRC's adopted Strategic Plans, ie the Miami River Greenway Action Plan, Miami River Corridor Urban Infill Plan, Miami River Water Basin Water Quality Improvement Plan, Miami River Corridor Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, etc.

Similar to other City and County agencies, the MRC will not hold a public meeting in August, therefore the next public MRC meeting is September 9, noon, 1407 NW 7 ST.

Vice-Chairman Jay Carmichael stated the following Miami River Voluntary Improvement Plan (VIP) items were addressed last month:

- 1) After a river business owner contacted the MRC in June, the MRC painted over graffiti and picked up litter along sections of the public riverwalk
- 2) After receiving a report from the MRC, the City's Solid Waste Department agreed to start emptying the City's new decorative garbage cans which were recently installed by City CIP contractors which are completing a new section of the City owned public Miami River Greenway, on the south shore between Metro-Rail and South Miami Ave Bridge.
- 3) After receiving a report from the MRC, City of Miami Public Works Department agreed to remove invasive species which have taken over the City owned south shore of the Miami River from NW 27 Ave to NW 20 ST. The work is estimated to be complete by the end of this week.
- 4) After receiving a complaint from a River resident, the City of Miami has designed and funded the repair of 15 broken bollard lights located along the City's public Riverwalk's north shore, adjacent to and beneath the 2 Ave Bridge. The work is estimated to be completed this summer,

II) Review City of Miami's "Lummus Landing Square Park Pavilion Complex" (B-30886)

Mr. Jose Caldeira, Marcel Douge, City of Miami Capital Improvement Projects, and architect Armando Rizo, presented a PowerPoint and printed copies of 30% complete (schematic) plans for the following new project, B-30886, "Lummus Landing Square Park Pavilion Complex". The previously distributed plan includes a 1,453 square foot "Pavilion A" and a 1,721 square foot "Pavilion B", featuring "concession, assembly, toilets" etc. When closed, the pavilions have transparent folding iron gates. Under 20% (7.4%) of the Lummus Landing (250 NW North River Drive) greenspace is proposed for this public park amenity, which features "Bahamian Vernacular" design elements. The "concession" area will not be equipped, which will be the responsibility of the potential to be determined concession operator. The proposed new project is directly adjacent to the 100% designed and funded public dock, riverwalk, decorative lights, landscaping etc. under a separate City project, B-30643.

The distributed Greenway's subcommittee's June 12 public meeting minutes, including this item, were distributed and state in part, "Mr. Mario Hernandez stated he and a private investor presented a PowerPoint of their plans for a similar "Fisherman's Wharf" concept in Lummus Landing, which they previously provided the City of Miami, which would be privately funded in this potential private-public partnership. Mr. Hernandez stated if the site's business plan is to be open 7 days per week, he recommended the pavilions be 500 square feet larger, because the current size is not sufficient for a viable business model, unless the operational plan is only occasional special events, etc.

MRC Director Bibeau noted across the street (NW 7 ST) from the public Riverwalk's south shore, the public sector constructed a row of unequipped restaurant and retail spaces on the first floor of the Miami Marlins Ballpark's Parking Garage, before operators were secured. After constructing the spaces, the government hired a firm to market and lease the vacant spaces. Two baseball seasons later, all of the spaces remain vacant, and no operator leases have been executed.

Greenways Chairman Martin found both the City of Miami and Mr. Hernandez's schematic plans for the long awaited "Fisherman's Wharf" in Lummus Landing (contained in City's Comprehensive Plan, etc) consistent with the *Miami River Greenway Action Plan*, and recommended the City of Miami also consider public-private partnerships where the private sector operator would pay for the construction, in addition to keeping the development a City funded project, as presented by the City."

Manny Prieguez asked the estimated cost for the presented 30% designed concession buildings in Lummus Park, and Mr Caldiera replied \$700,000.

Mr Prieguez asked about the projected use of the potential buildings, and Mr. Caldiera replied no user has been identified. The concept is to be open to support cultural activities, weekends or more frequent.

Mr Caldiera stated the potential buildings will be considered during the City of Miami's Waterfront Advisory Board's public meeting, on the 2nd Tuesday of September, and once the design is completed, the construction contract would be considered by the City Commission. Chairman Aguirre stated the adjacent but separate 100% designed and funded public riverwalk and dock in Lummus Park is co-funded (50/50) by The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), and Spencer Crowley, FIND, emailed the MRC recommending a deferral of this separate, yet adjacent buildings Lummus Park.

Ernie Martin moved to defer consideration of the proposed concession buildings in Lummus Park to the MRC's next public meeting, September 9, noon, 1407 NW 7 ST. The motion was seconded by Sandy Batchelor and unanimously adopted by the MRC.

III. Committee Reports

Greenways Subcommittee – MRC Greenways subcommittee Chairman Ernie Martin stated the Greenways subcommittee's June public meeting minutes have been distributed.

Dr. Martin thanked the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County and private sectors, all of which are currently constructing new sections of the public riverwalk. Dr. Martin presented a new aerial exhibit depicting the 8 City public Riverwalk sections, and 6 County public Riverwalk sections which are currently in various stages of construction.

Miami River Commission Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2013

- 4 -

The Greenways subcommittee's regular monthly public meeting schedule remains the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 2 PM, here. Therefore the next public meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST.

Stormwater Subcommittee, Chair Sallye Jude – The Stormwater subcommittee's June 5, public meeting minutes have been distributed. Of the total 54 "Action Items" in the Plan, 44 have been successfully "completed" (10 successfully completed during this quarter). There have been no water quality violations on the Miami River in over a year.

The meeting adjourned.

**Miami River Commission
 Public Meeting**

Monday, July 1, 2013
 Noon
 1407 NW 7 ST
 Miami, FL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE / FAX / E-MAIL</u>
Daniel Rodriguez	Spencer Boat Co.	786-444-4466
Robert Weinreb	City of Miami	305 416-1209 rweinreb@miamifgov.com
MARCEL DOUGÉ	city of MIAMI	305-416-1245 mdouge@miamifgov.com
JOSE O. CAÑAS	city of MIAMI	305.416/290 jcañas@miamifgov.com
Armando Rizo	Rizo Carrero & Ptn.	305.441.0888 arizo@rcpedesign.com
Ralph Rosado	South Florida Community Dev. Coalition	305 588 4364 ralphr@southfloridacdc.org
Virginia Morgan	State Rep. David Richardson's office	305 324 2437 virginia.morgan@myfloridahouse.gov
GARY WINSTON	SAO	305-547-0420
Manuel Priego	City of Miami	305-395-9070 manny@mmslobby.com
JENNIFER SAVIANO	USCG SECTOR MIAMI	305-535-8724
AUSTIN GOULD	USCG SECTOR MIAMI	305 535-4454
EDGAR ESPINOZA	FDOT DISTRICT 6	305 470-5184 edgar.espinosa@dot.state.fl.us
Susan N. Shapiro	Tropical Audubon Society	305-647-7703 development@tropicalaudubon.org
NESTOR GARRIDO	SFWMD	561-682-6908 NGARRIDO@SFWMD.GOV
Mark Bailey	Miami River Main Group	markbailey@miamirivermain.org
Jovanny Rodriguez	City CIP	

**Miami River Commission
Public Meeting**

Monday, July 1, 2013
Noon
1407 NW 7 ST
Miami, FL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE / FAX / E-MAIL</u>
MEGHAN KELLY	GMCC	mkelly@swireprops.com
Horacio Stuart Riquirre	MRC	Horaguirre@aol.com
Jay Carmichael	MRC	jcarmichael@gunster.com
PHIL EVERINGHAM	Marine Council/MRC	pbemspd@hotmail.com
Orin Black	5th Street Marina LLC	Orin@5thstmarina.com
SANDY BERTHELON	MRC	SBATHELON@BELLSouth.NET
MARLENE AVALO	COMMISSIONER BARREIRO MIAMI DADE COUNTY - DS	Avalo@miamidade.gov
Ernie Martin	MRC	ernestmartin@comcast.net
PATRICIA A. HARKES	MRC	PATTYKAT@GMAIL.COM 305262-3763
Yaniel Diaz	Rep. Rodriguez	yaniel.diaz@myfloridahouse.gov
Miguel Pimentel	Miami Dade County Homeless Trust	305-375-1490 / Miguel@miamidade.gov
Charles Flowers	River Resident	