

# **Miami River Commission Public Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022**

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, June 6, 2022, in the Downtown Main Library Auditorium, 101 W Flagler. Sign in sheets are attached.

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

Horacio Stuart Aguirre, Chairman, Appointed by the Governor  
Jim Murley, Vice Chairman, designee for County Mayor Danielle Levine Cava  
Nancy Jackson, designee for County Commissioner Eileen Higgins  
Patty Harris, designee for Governor  
Neal Schafers, Designee for Downtown Development Authority  
Richard Dubin, designee for Miami River Marine Group  
Mike Simpson, designee for Sallye Jude  
Megan Kelly, designee for Mayor Francis Suarez  
Phil Everingham, designee for Miami Marine Council  
Alvaro Coradin, designee for Sara Babun  
John Michael Cornell, designee for Luis Garcia

**MRC Staff:**

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

## **I) Chair's Report**

The Miami River Commission unanimously adopted their May 2 public meeting minutes.

MRC Chairman Aguirre provided the following report:

The Miami River Commission's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami River Map and Guide has been distributed. The MRC is grateful for the over 50 advertisers.

In addition, the MRC thanks the 34 sponsors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Your Miami River Cleanup Campaign, whose logos appear on the distributed thank you piece.

All proceeds from both the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami River Map and Guide and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Your Miami River Cleanup Campaign continue to directly improve the Miami River District.

The Miami River Commission has been actively assisting the efforts of the City, County, State, and private sector to clean up the Miami River District. In addition to the maintenance professionals the MRC pays daily to remove litter, invasive plant species, graffiti and provide landscaping and pressure washing services along the Miami River, the MRC thanks the volunteers from Waterway Advocates, whom on June 4 picked up garbage along the public Riverwalk in Curtis Park and the volunteers from Hands o Miami whom will pickup garbage along the shorelines in Sewell Park on June 11 and Curtis Park on June 18.

## **ID) Presentation Regarding Proposed Development at 400 SE 2 Ave**

Ms. Iris Escarra, Greenberg Traurig, and Bernardo Fort-Brescia, Aruitectonica, distributed and presented plans and the attached letter of intent for a proposed riverfront development at 400 SE 2 Ave, on behalf of attendees Allen Matis and Phil Keb, Gencom. The subject location is currently the Hyatt Hotel and James L Knight Convention Center, and the land is owned by the City of Miami, immediately adjacent to the “Riverwalk” Metro-Mover station. The applicants are seeking the Miami River Commission’s advisory recommendation on the following upcoming City Commission agenda item, should the City of Miami place this site on the ballot for a public referendum to extend the current lease and generally allow for the presented development? Then, further in the future, if the City Commission votes to place this question on the ballot, and if the public votes to approve, then the applicants would create more detailed plans and present them at that time to the MRC.

Ms. Escarra and the letter of intent stated the proposal is consistent with the current zoning, land use, and the public Riverwalk will comply with the code requirements of Section 3.11, Appendix B, and the Baywalk Riverwalk Design Standards and Guidelines. The Hyatt currently has 612 hotel rooms, and the proposal is for 615 hotel rooms, plus an additional 1,500 residential unit, and 190,000 square feet of meeting space. Ms. Escarra stated the applicants were willing to fund improvements to the existing public Riverwalk beneath the Brickell Bridge, and the proposed public Riverwalk will connect with existing public Riverwalks to the east, west, and north. Ms. Escarra stated they would like to keep the Poseidon Ferry which picks up and drops off passengers at this location for service to and from Miami Beach.

**The Miami River Commission (MRC) adopted a unanimous motion respectfully recommend that the City Commission send the City owned 400 SE 2 Ave to a public referendum to extend the current Hyatt lease and allow development generally consistent with the presented draft “Miami Riverbridge” mixed-use development plans featuring the public Riverwalk, while utilizing the project’s Parks Impact Fee as a potential funding source to reimburse the expedited improvements and reopening of the nearby FT Dallas Park, along with restoring its historically designated Flagler Workers House.**

## **III) MRC Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Greenways Subcommittee**

Since the City and County’s adoption of the *Miami River Greenway Action Plan*, 6.75 miles or 67.5% of the planned 10-mile public Miami River Greenway has been constructed.

Currently 3 sections of the public Riverwalk are under construction at Aston Martin, Miami River SAP, and a new restaurant in Little Havana.

The MRC, City and County continues working on numerous private and public sector potential funding opportunities to secure the remaining funding needed to finish construction of the public Riverwalk.

**B.Stormwater Subcommittee** - The subcommittee had a virtual workshop last Wednesday, June 1. The MRC will be applying to the State of Florida for \$600,000 in grant funding from the State's FY 22-23's \$20 million for improving water quality in the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, by increasing frequency of vacuum truck services in stormwater manholes along the Miami River, landside garbage pickups, and street sweeper truck services along the Miami River. Both were identified as sources of pollution in the County's recent helpful Miami River Water Quality Assessment, which was reviewed during the MRC Stormwater Subcommittee's recent virtual workshop.

#### **IV) New Business**

The public meeting adjourned.

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ORDINANCE OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13114, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("MIAMI 21 CODE"), BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED "GENERAL TO ZONES," TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF DENSITY TO WATERFRONT LOTS WHERE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BENEFITS RELATED TO RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY ARE PROVIDED AND CERTAIN PARKING AND FRONTAGE CONDITIONS ARE MET; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**APPLICANT(S):** Arthur Noriega, V, City Manager of behalf of the City of Miami

**PURPOSE:** To amend the Ordinance No. 13114 ("Miami 21 Code"), the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Miami, Florida, to allow the transfer of density to eligible Waterfront Lots where additional public benefits related to resiliency and sustainability are provided and certain parking and frontage conditions are met.

**FINDING(S):**

PLANNING Zoning and Appeals Board (PZAB): Recommended denial.

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WHEREAS, via a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Letter of Map Revision process, waterfront properties may improve the Flood Insurance Rate Map for their property which may also benefit adjacent areas and positively impact the City's Community Rating System score; and

WHEREAS, enhancements to the City's Waterfront Walkway will provide interconnectedness and mobility opportunities from surrounding recreational spaces and provide residents and visitors with enhanced access to waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this Ordinance, the Planning Department will continue to guide enhancements to Waterfront design standards to be applied to properties along all waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, additional resiliency and sustainability public benefits will be derived from projects utilizing the proposed density transfer provisions beyond those currently in the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Miami 21 Task Force made recommendations to encourage that climate and resiliency elements be incorporated into development projects; and

WHEREAS, consideration has been given to the need and justification for the proposed text amendment, including changed or changing conditions that make the passage of the proposed text amendment necessary; and

WHEREAS, consideration has been given to the relationship of the proposed text amendment to the goals, objectives, and policies of the Miami Neighborhood

Ordinance No. 13114, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Miami, Florida, be amended by making modifications to Article 1 in the following particulars 1:

“ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

\* \* \*

1.2 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

This section provides definitions for terms in this Code that are technical in nature or that might not otherwise reflect a common usage of the word. If a term is not defined in this Article, then the Zoning Administrator shall determine the correct definition of the term.

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Paseo: An access way limited to pedestrian use connecting streets, plazas, alleys, garages and other existing and future public spaces abutting a property. A Paseo shall have a clear path of a minimum of ten (10) feet in width that is restricted to pedestrian use and lined with active uses having frequent doors and windows. A Paseo may be roofed above the first floor for (100%) of its length, but any roof portion of Paseo shall not be counted as Open Space.

Passive Flood Barrier: a non-operable barrier such as a wall or raised area which blocks water intrusion or a movable barrier.

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that Ordinance No. 13114, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Miami, Florida, be amended by making modifications to Article 3 in the following particulars: 1:

“ARTICLE 3. GENERAL TO ZONES

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3.18 RESILIENCE PUBLIC BENEFITS

3.18.1 Waterfront Resilience Benefits

Waterfront Lots are required to meet certain obligations with regards to seawalls, public access, and Right-of-Way improvements, per Article 3, Section 3.11 Waterfront Standards and Chapters 29 and 54 of the City Code. The following Waterfront Resilience Benefits are available to Waterfront Lots when additional conditions relating to parking, frontages, resiliency and sustainability are met.

a. Eligibility

1. Waterfront Lots and eligible Inland Lots.

2. Eligible Waterfront Lots receiving Density must have at least one Waterfront Frontage and are required to have improvements associated with Section 3.11 Waterfront Standards and Appendix B – Waterfront Design Guidelines.

3. Eligible Inland Lots sending Density shall be located within 1,000 feet along the route of ordinary pedestrian traffic of the subject Waterfront Lot and shall be designed to minimize the impact of parking on the neighborhood.

b. Density Transfer

1 Up to fifty percent (50%) of the Inland Lot’s Density may be transferred to the Waterfront Lot. For the purposes of this provision, the Density of the Inland Lot shall be established through the Miami 21 Code Transect Zone with no increases.

2. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the Inland Lot’s Density



shall not be transferred and must remain on the Inland Lot.

3. Waterfront Lots shall only be eligible to increase its Density through the transfer of Density from the Inland Lot, by being consistent with the interpretation of the Future Land Use Map of the Miami Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan (MCNP) and if conditions specified in Section 3.18.1.c. through Section 3.18.1.d. are complied with.

#### c. Parking and Frontage Conditions

For Waterfront Lots to utilize the Density Transfer provisions described in Section 3.18.1, the Project shall comply with the following parking and frontage conditions:

1. Off-street parking for Waterfront Lots and Inland Lots shall abide by the requirements in Article 3, Section 3.6, OFFSTREET PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS and requirements particular to the Transect per applicable section of Article 4, Table 4, DENSITY, INTENSITY, AND PARKING and Article 5 SPECIFIC TO ZONES.
2. 100% of non-ADA required off-street parking shall be located on the Inland Lot.
3. Parking Structures shall be masked with a Liner on the second and third Stories in the Second Layer and conform with Article 4, Table 12.
4. Entrances to Off-street parking spaces shall be protected from water intrusion by Passive Flood Barriers up to the base flood elevation.
5. Waivers shall not be allowed for reduction of required Frontage at front setback line or for reduction of glazed and habitable space requirements per Article 5.

#### d. Resilience and Sustainability Conditions

For Waterfront Lots to utilize the Density Transfer provisions described in Section 3.18.1, the Project shall comply with the following resilience and sustainability conditions:

1. Construct a seawall as per Sections 29-81 through 29-95 of the City Code. Any existing seawall must be upgraded to the standards and elevations required by Sections 29-81 through 29-95 of the City Code.
2. Modify the flood zone designation and/or the base flood elevation on Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Waterfront Lot through the Letter of Map Revision process with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, when available.
3. Provide and maintain Play Streets per the requirements in Section 35-5 of the City Code.
4. Provide improvements consistent with all applicable adopted masterplans including, but not limited to, the Miami River Greenway Plan, Streetscape Masterplans, and the Stormwater Masterplan.

5. Provide improved soil volume and water storage as set forth in Appendix B, Section 6.2 for trees within the public Right-of-Way.
6. Provide Right-of-Way improvements to the entirety of the Right-of-Way between the Inland and Waterfront Lots consistent with the requirements in Chapters 29, 54, and 55 of the City Code.
7. Maintain all non-standard improvements within the Right-of-Way.
8. Notwithstanding any requirements allowing or requiring ground floor areas to be raised above the sidewalk, baywalk, or riverwalk public area, provide public amenities at the Sidewalk, baywalk, or riverwalk level with easy and inviting pedestrian access. Subject to approval, public pedestrian level improvements may include drinking fountains, bicycle/motorized scooter, exercise equipment, shaded sitting areas, water-taxi access, or water-access for non-motorized craft, as available in Appendix B – Waterfront Design Guidelines, Section 5.2.
9. Improve stormwater retention on-site by providing an improvement of, at minimum, a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the “time concentration” per rainfall intensity standards found in Section 20-3 of the City Code for both the inland and waterfront sites.
10. Provide a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the required parking spaces with 40 Amp, 208 or 240-Volt (Level 2) charging equipment and provide an additional fifteen percent (15%) of the required parking spaces as Electric Vehicle Capable, as set forth in Article 3, Section 3.6.1.
11. Meet United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standards, at minimum, or equivalent standards adopted or approved by the City.
12. Avoid connection and use of natural gas on-site as an energy source by powering the building exclusively by electricity except for emergency situations.

e. Process Requirements

1. Waterfront Lots, Inland Lots, and required Right-of-Way improvements adjacent to and between the properties shall be reviewed and a recommendation provided by the Urban Development Review Board. Recommendations on the Right-of-Way improvements shall not constitute an approval by the Department of Resilience and Public Works.
2. Projects incorporating additional resilience and sustainability measures are encouraged to be presented to the Climate Resilience Committee.
3. Upon the City’s issuance of a building permit for construction of a project qualifying under this section, the City’s Zoning Administrator, or designee, shall issue a letter

Certificate of Eligibility confirming that the Owner is entitled to transfer density from the Inland Lot to an eligible receiving Waterfront Lot. The City's Zoning Administrator shall be notified of each transfer of density and the Zoning Administrator shall issue a letter Certificate of Transfer confirming the transfer of the units and the balance of units eligible to be transferred after each transfer transaction, to be recorded in the public records of Miami-Dade County.

4. An applicant requesting off-street Parking relating to the Waterfront Lot and provided within a Structure located on the Inland Lot shall provide a Parking covenant, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, to be recorded against the Inland Lot prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Waterfront Lot, as applicable. The covenant shall, at a minimum, memorialize the Property location and number of spaces of the Waterfront Lot for which the Structure on the Inland Lot provides such parking availability. The applicant may request the removal or modification of a Parking covenant upon such time that the City Parking requirements are reduced or the required parking being provided off-site is otherwise satisfied on-site, off-site, or through payment of fees in lieu, if applicable."



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Parks and Recreation  
System Master Plan

**Miami River Commission**

July 11, 2022

# What We Are Up To Today

- Introductions + Purpose
- Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Process and Schedule
- Miami River Commission Coordination

# The Project Team

Client



- + Project Management
- + Park Assessments
- + Public Engagement



- + Project Lead
- + Parks Planning
- + Public Engagement



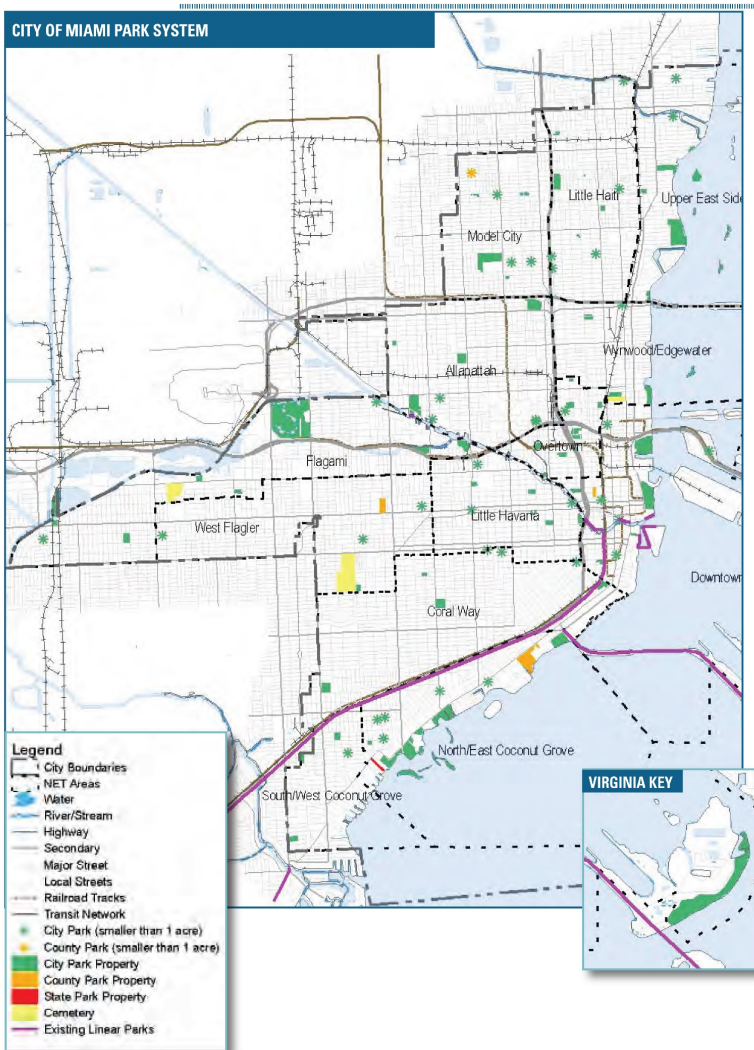
- + Recreation Programming, Operations, and Management
- + Public Engagement



Statistically Valid Survey



# Purpose



- Assess existing conditions of parks and recreation system, programs, services, staffing, and funding.
- Identify parks and recreation trends, needs, and priorities.
- Provide strategic and resilient recommendations for the improvement and provision of facilities, programs, services, park land acquisition, and development.
- Meet requirements for the Commission of Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)



# Our Approach

## 1 Context Analyses

- Project Coordination
- Planning Context
- Demographic Context
- Park System Context
- Context Summary Document

## 2 Needs + Priorities Assessment

- Qualitative Analysis
- Quantitative Analysis
- Anecdotal Analysis
- Needs + Priorities Summary Document

## 3 Long Range Vision

- Long-Range Vision Workshop
- Capital + O&M Costs
- Parks and Recreation Vision Summary Document

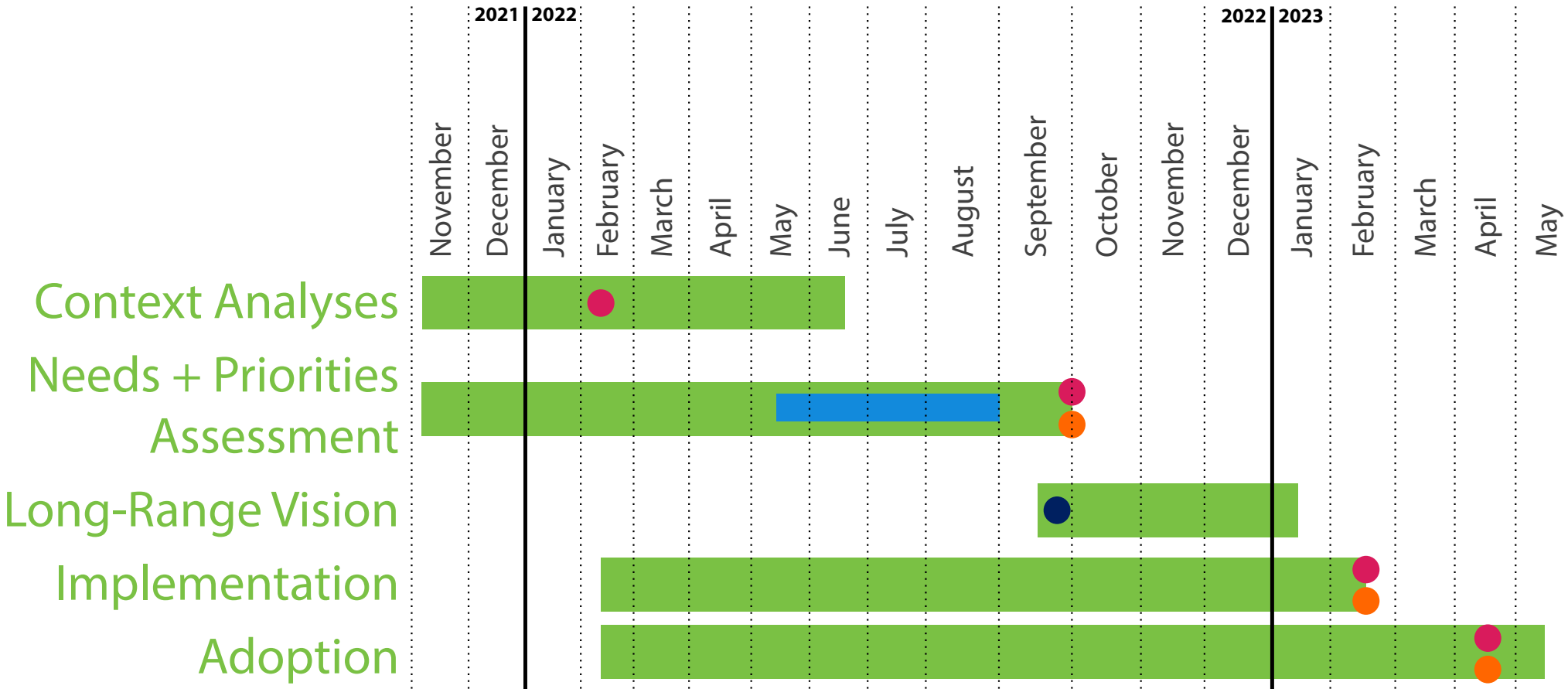
## 4 Implementation Strategy

- Funding Alternatives
- Prioritization
- Implementation Strategy Summary Document

## 5 Final Plan + Adoption

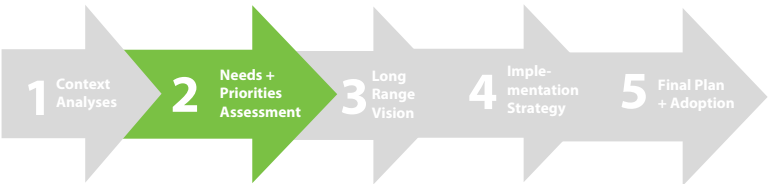
- Draft Final Master Plan
- Final Master Plan

# Project Schedule



**Schedule Legend**

- Task
- Public Engagement
- Steering Committee Meeting
- Commission Presentation
- Visioning Workshop



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# Miami River Commission (MRC) Coordination

- Met with MRC Sub-Committee May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Met with Managing Director to incorporate MCR Park Opportunities into the Plan
- Will continue to coordinate with MCR Managing Director
- Will provide DRAFT Re-Imagine Parks Miami Master Plan for review early 2023

The central map shows the Miami River flowing through a grid of streets. Red and blue lines highlight specific project corridors. Arrows point from these lines to various panels around the map, each detailing a project. The panels include:

- Top Left:** Provide public accessibility to the Miccosukee Tribe-owned historic linerock caves located at 1750 NW South River Drive (28,345 square feet), which is across S. River Drive from Sewell Park. Sewell Park may feature kayak use along the Lawrence Canal to the linerock cave area. Inside existing Sewell Park, remove the second of two fences which blocks public access to 1/3 of the Park, construct restroom facility and guardhouse at park entrance, install historical markers, repair existing water fountain and pedestrian paths.
- Top Middle-Left:** Construct riverwalk on FDOT-owned public right-of-way adjacent and beneath the north shore of the 27 Ave Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and a mural, to connect with planned riverwalk at Aguacera development. Create new pocket park to the south east of the 27 Ave Bridge, along the north shore of the North Fork.
- Top Middle-Right:** Create major park facility on County-owned property at 1402 NW 7 St, featuring improved riverwalk, landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, playground, and fencing for adjacent Robert King High housing facility.
- Top Far Right:** Create pocket park on County-owned easement on South River Drive and NW 2 St, by removing fence, installing landscaping, bench, and decorative lighting.
- Middle Left:** Create pocket park on Bellmouth owned easement on South River Drive and NW 1 St, by removing fence, installing landscaping, bench, and decorative lighting.
- Middle Right:** Consider creating a new riverfront park on the north shore between Flagler and the 1st St Bridge. The area would include the historically designated East Coast Fisheries structure. The potential new greenspace would include a riverwalk, landscaping, historical marker and decorative lighting. The FDOT-owned public right-of-way beneath and adjacent to the east side of the Flagler Bridge should be improved with landscaping, decorative lighting, mural, and fence removal, which block public access to the existing pedestrian staircase. An on-road Greenway along North River Drive will break ground in 2006.
- Bottom Left:** Paint mural and landscape beneath the north shore of the 22 Ave Bridge.
- Bottom Middle-Left:** Construct Riverwalk on County-owned public right-of-way adjacent and beneath the north shore of the NW 17 Ave Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting and a mural, to connect with the riverwalk section planned at 1890 NW North River Drive. Create pocket park on County-owned public right-of-way on the south east side, of the bridge.
- Bottom Middle-Right:** Expand Fern Isle Park to the north shore of the South Fork, onto a portion of the 366,121 square foot Police Benevolent Association property. The existing Tamiami Saving Bridge may be relocated to this location as a pedestrian bridge, linking Fern Isle Park with the expanded park area. Construct Greenway along both shores of the South Fork, remove fences blocking public access to the waterfront, and improve the western portion of Fern Isle Park.
- Bottom Far Left:** Construct Riverwalk along both shores on Miami Dade Expressway Authority and City of Miami-owned public right-of-way, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and way-finding signage. The Riverwalk would connect with existing riverwalk on the south shore immediately west of I-95, and planned riverwalk on the north shore immediately west of I-95, at the approved "Miami Riverfront" mixed-use development.
- Bottom Far Right:** Construct Riverwalk along both shores on FDOT-owned public right-of-way located beneath and adjacent to the planned new NW 6 St Bridge with landscaping, decorative lighting, and murals. Congress appropriated \$2.7 million for this purpose in the FY '06 transportation bill.
- Bottom Far Middle-Right:** Construct Riverwalk along both shores on FDOT-owned public right-of-way located beneath and adjacent to the planned new NW 12 Ave Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and way-finding signage. The potential new park area would be directly east of the proposed Miami River Urban Design Center.
- Bottom Far Far Right:** Create riverfront park immediately west of approved Royal Atlantic development, featuring riverwalk, landscaping, decorative lighting and way-finding signage. The potential new park area would be directly east of the proposed Miami River Urban Design Center.
- Bottom Far Far Middle-Right:** Beautify Jose Mari Park area beneath I-95, via constructing riverwalk extension, with landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc, to connect the existing riverwalk to the west of I-95 in the Park with the funded on-road greenway exiting the Park onto SW 3rd Ave. The City of Miami owns this property.
- Bottom Far Far Far Right:** Extend the "Beethoven Promenade" two additional blocks north, to the river's south shore, along the existing pedestrian path. On the north shore provide Greenway connectivity between the existing publicly accessible riverwalk at the FPL utility site, proceeding east beneath Metro-Rail, to connect with the riverwalk section under construction at "Jay" and "Wind" developments. In addition, beautify the existing pedestrian path proceeding north beneath the Metro-Rail to SW 3 St with additional landscaping, decorative lighting, and the removal of all fences. Miami-Dade County owns this property.
- Bottom Far Far Far Middle-Right:** Beautify FDOT-owned public right-of-way on both shores beneath and adjacent to the 1st St Bridge, via constructing the riverwalk, landscaping, decorative lighting, murals and remove fencing blocking public access to existing pedestrian staircase. Adjacent on-road Greenway along South River Drive is currently under construction, and will break ground along North River Drive in 2006. New and planned developments and restaurants are immediately adjacent.
- Bottom Far Far Far Far Right:** Remove fences and construct riverwalk with landscaping, decorative lighting, and a mural, on County-owned right-of-way beneath and adjacent to the South Miami Ave Bridge, to connect the new riverwalk section immediately east of the Bridge "One Riverfront Square" office building, with the "Wind" residential development's riverwalk section currently under construction immediately west of the Bridge. Utilize approved County bond funding to reduce the loud noise generated on the bascule spans when vehicles cross the Bridge.

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**Miami River Commission's  
Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee  
May 27, 2022**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on May 27, 2022, 10 AM, in the Lummus Park Community Center, 360 NW 3 ST. The attendee sign in sheet is attached.

**I) Presentation Regarding Updating City Parks Master Plan**

Carlos Perez, Perez Planning & Design, LLC, and City of Miami Parks Director Barbara Hernandez distributed and presented a "Reimagine Parks Miami" PowerPoint. The City of Miami's current Parks Master Plan was adopted in 2005, and is therefore being updated. The City of Miami is completing an extensive 3.5 month public outreach campaign. The City of Miami will present a draft new Parks Master Plan to the full MRC in early 2023, before it is considered by the City Commission. In addition, a general introductory presentation will be made to the full MRC in July. Attendees reviewed the MRC's Parks piece, and discussed the Parks along the Miami River and its tributaries. MRC UIWG Chairman Murley recommended:

- the Miami River Greenway be considered a linear park similar to the Underline and Ludlam Trail
- on the map identify the Miami Circle as a State owned park (currently not shown on map because not a city park)
- appreciation that FT Dallas Park is now under the administration of the City Parks dept
- MRC is assisting City with another expansion of Fern Isle Park.
- Need for City and County coordination on parks, for example the potential riverfront Pocket Park in Little Havana on South River Drive which is a County WASD easement similar to the existing pocket park which is a County WASD easement on North River Drive in Spring Garden.

**II) Presentation Regarding City of Miami's Proposed Parks Code Amendment Regarding Living Shorelines**

MRC Managing Director Brett Bibeau stated he recently received a text from the City of Miami indicating the City Commission will be indefinitely deferring this item, therefore the MRC subcommittee did not discuss it.

The public meeting adjourned.

**PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

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Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Public Meeting

May 27, 2022 - 10 AM

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