

Miami River Commission's Stormwater Subcommittee Public Meeting Minutes September 6, 2023

The Miami River Commission (MRC) Stormwater Subcommittee's public meeting convened September 6, 2023, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sheet is attached.

- I. "Miami River Basin Water Quality Improvement Plan" Agency Quarterly Implementation Progress Reports** – Ms. Juliet Ruggiero, Miami Dade County's Department of Environmental Resource Management's (DERM) provided a report covering April – June 2023. The most alarming water quality violation was detected at Wagner Creek testing station WC04 in June had E-coli of 99,300 (cfu/100ml) when the safe water quality standard is only 410 (cfu/100ml), and had 48,400 Enterococci (cfu/100ml) when the safe water quality standard is only 130 (cfu/100ml). Anita Stine, FDEP, asked if there is a Response Plan, and Ms Ruggiero stated she wasn't aware of one. Attendees noted when high counts of e-coli are found at other locations like Key Biscayne Beaches signs warning waterway users are posted, yet no signs have been posted at the non-motorized boat ramp on the Seybold Canal in Point Park.

Ms. Ruggiero stated a recently installed "Smart Cover" detected a Sanitary Sewage Overflow at NBW 14 ST and NW 12 Ave, but doesn't know what was done about this discovery.

- II. Discussion Regarding 169 NW South River Drive** – Attendees discussed the City of Miami owned crushed stormwater outfall, located beneath the County owned 169 NW South River Drive. The County riverfront parcel is a Sewer easement where a sewer line tunnels beneath the Miami River to the Sewage pump station on the opposite side of the River. The County is currently planning to transform the unimproved site into a small public riverfront park, and the City should repair their crushed outfall under this site before the park is completed. MRC Director Bibeau stated Billy Joe McCarly, MDC WASD, attended the MRC Stormwater Subcommittee's June public Meeting regarding this item, and provided her contact info to Elyrosa Estevez, City of Miami.
- III. Discussion Regarding Collapsing Shoreline Along South River Drive West of 27 Ave** - MRC Director Bibeau thanked the representatives from the City of Miami Public Works and Parks Departments, Miami-Dade County Public Works and the South Florida Water Management District for participating in the June 2 site visit to the subject site. Attendees agreed to determine ownership of the subject areas and consider the MRC's recommendation to provide a public Riverwalk featuring a new seawall. Ely Estevez suggested including DREAM in future communications regarding this issue, considering the City of Miami owns a few riverfront folios in the subject area.

IV. Discussion Regarding Collapsing Shoreline Along Wagner Creek South of NW 20 ST

Ely Estevez noted the City of Miami's Resilience and Public Works Department has initiated a funding request for a future street improvement project per emails below:

From: Crowley, Spencer (Ptnr-Mia)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 8:35 AM
To: 'Badia, Hector' <hbadia@miamigov.com>
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Subject: RE: Wagner Creek roadway and seawalls

Good morning, this item is scheduled for discussion next week at the stormwater committee meeting of the miami river commission. can someone from the city attend and provide an update? Let me know and I can provide details. Thanks, spencer

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From: Badia, Hector <hbadia@miamigov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6:11 PM
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Spencer,
Working with stakeholders on this issue.
Its on our list of pending items that need to be addressed.
We will follow up with you shortly.



Hector Badia

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From: spencer.crowley@akerman.com <spencer.crowley@akerman.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 11:23 AM
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Subject: RE: Wagner Creek roadway and seawalls

Good afternoon, I am following up on the email below. Thank you, Spencer

From: Crowley, Spencer (Ptnr-Mia)
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 6:33 PM
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Cc: 'Janet Zimmerman' <jzimmerman@aicw.org>; Mark Crosley <mcrosley@aicw.org>
Subject: Wagner Creek roadway and seawalls

Recently I was doing an inspection of Wagner Creek in Allapattah south of NW 20th street and saw that the road is washed out and eroding into the waterway (north side of waterway), and the old seawall has failed (north and south side of the waterway). I just wanted to send something to make sure you all are aware as this is a hazardous condition and I believe it creates a compliance situation with various laws (stormwater rules/permits, seawall ordinance sec. 29-95, roadway safety, etc). hopefully someone can inspect/repair as soon as possible. FIND and others contributed a significant amount of funds to help dredge the Seybold canal and in addition to being unsafe and a source of pollution, this condition could undercut the significant time, effort and funding that went into the dredging project. I have included a few pictures at the link below and a general location map is also copied below. Please keep us updated. Thank you, Spencer

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5kKigXetG6SMGLbU8>

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