

Miami River Commission's Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee July 21, 2023

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on July 21, 2023, 1407 NW 7 ST, at 10:30 AM. The sign in sheet is attached.

I. Review and Discuss the "Resilient Waterfront Enhancement Plan"

Sonia Brubaker, Director of the City of Miami's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, Timothy Kirby, City of Miami's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, and Yohermo Echeverria, City of Miami Parks Department, distributed and presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Miami's "Resilient Waterfront Enhancement Plan". The PowerPoint notes the plan was funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and states:

- "Enhance City-owned waterfront property with nature-based designs
- Identify pilot project sites to serve as prototypes for similar shorelines
- Address permitting, funding, design, and maintenance hurdles of nature-based designs
- Align with ongoing City resilience initiatives"

Successful Implementation: What's Needed

- **Planning & Zoning:** Land use and zoning changes may be required for certain sites if they are intended to be parks
- **Formal Process:** A formal process needs to be adopted to evaluate the level of amenities on sites, make decisions on land use updates, and plan for future maintenance
- **Project Phasing:** Projects can be phased based on waterline/shoreline amenities/interior approach
- **Specialized Design and Maintenance:** Different design and construction approaches will be utilized based on the specialization required for the work

Many of the design alternatives would require specialized maintenance contracts – maintenance management plans are critical

- **Funding & Financing:** There are a variety of funding mechanisms that could be utilized, including FIND, FEMA Flood Mitigation Funding, HUD, Conservation funds, and GO Bonds
- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with private developers, property owners, Miami River Commission, and the DDA are necessary to promote nature-based designs across the waterfronts
- **City Alignment:** Policy and operation updates to help align these ideas with other efforts throughout the City"

Director Brubaker kindly agreed to present the City of Miami's "Resilient Waterfront Enhancement Plan" at the full MRC's next public meeting on September 11, noon, Main Library Auditorium, 101 W. Flagler.

II. New Business

MRC Director Brett Bibeau stated the MRC recently used State grant funding to remove large invasive Brazilian peppers and garbage from vacant County owned riverfront 3795 NW South River Drive. While doing so he noticed the site is essentially a swamp, therefore recommended the County plant Cypress Trees etc. on the site.

MRC Director Bibeau stated composting reduces waste in landfills, while capturing carbon monoxide in the soil, and recommended watching “Kiss the Ground” on Netflix. Director Bibeau stated if it is illegal to compost in an odorless, insectless fashion at single family homes in the City of Miami and unincorporated Dade County, the City and County should consider amending their codes to make it legal.

The public meeting adjourned.

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Public Meeting

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