

**Miami River Commission  
Public Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2023**

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, December 4, 2023, in the Downtown 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  
James Murley, Vice Chairman, designee for Miami-Dade County Mayor Cava  
Megan Kelly, designee for City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez  
Eddie Marti Kring, designee for Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins  
William Gonzalez, designee for State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle  
Patricia Harris, designee for Governor  
Theodora Long, Neighborhood Representative appointed by Board of County Commissioners  
Eileen Broton, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission  
Philip Everingham, designee for Marine Council  
Augustin Barrera, designee for Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce  
Bruce Brown, Miami River Marine Group  
John Michael Cornell, designee for Luis Garcia  
Neal Schafers, designee for DDA Director Christina Crespi

**MRC Staff:**

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

**I) Chair's Report**

MRC Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

On behalf of the Miami River Commission, I cordially welcome Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Christina Crespi for an exciting presentation to the MRC. DDA Director Crespi presented the MRC with a \$24,999.99 check to renew 1 year of once a week garbage pickup and landscaping along the Miami River's north shore public Riverwalk. The MRC thanked the DDA for their continued strong support of the public Riverwalk.

Happy Holidays. The Miami River Commission's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami River Calendar is before you. The MRC sincerely appreciates our 15 renewed sponsors. Proceeds support the MRC's mission of improving the Miami River District.

The Miami River Commission unanimously adopted their November public meeting minutes.

Please note the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January lands on New Years Day, therefore the next public MRC meeting will be January 8.

MRC Vice Chairman James Murley provided the following Miami River Voluntary Improvement Plan (VIP) Report:

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, pressure washing, vac truck, street sweeper and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services along the Miami River, the MRC thanks the Hands on Miami volunteers for picking up garbage along the Miami River in Curtis Park on November 12 and Sewell Park on November 19.

## **II) Presentation Regarding Creating a New Public Mid River Greenspace at 1280 NW 11 ST**

Andrew Hellinger and Coralee Penabad, Urbanxo, presented plans for a New Public Mid River Greenspace at 1280 NW 11 ST. Mr. Hellinger noted the plans were created by Barry Miller, Savino Miller, whom also created the City of Miami's adopted Baywalk Riverwalk Design Standards and Guidelines, which the presented plans are consistent with. Mr. Hellinger noted there maybe a future phase to include 5-6 boat slips, and offered to present any future phase plans to the MRC.

**The MRC unanimously adopted a resolution recommending approval of the new public Mid River Greenspace at 1280 NW 11 ST with the condition that it is consistent with the City of Miami's adopted Baywalk Riverwalk Design Standards and Guidelines, and present any future Phase II to the MRC.**

## **III. Subcommittees**

The Miami River Commission's Urban infill and Greenways Subcommittee's November 8, 2023 public meeting minutes were distributed.

The MRC unanimously reaffirmed their previous unanimous vote to not be directly involved in the City of Miami's Miami River Holiday Boat Parade.

## **IV. New Business**

The public meeting adjourned.

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