

Miami River Commission's Economic Development and Commerce Subcommittee January 22, 2019 Minutes

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) Economic Development and Commerce (EDC) Subcommittee conducted a public meeting on January 22, 2019, 10:30 AM, 1407 NW 7 Street. MRC EDC Chairman Philip Everingham ran the meeting. The attendance sign in sheet is enclosed.

I) Review of the "Biscayne Bay Restoration Task Force" and the "Biscayne Bay Restoration Partnership"

Brett Bibeau, MRC Managing Director, distributed a copy of the County Commission Committee's approved "Biscayne Bay Restoration Task Force" where 9 appointed members will study and recommend to the County the best ways to restore Biscayne Bay for 220 days, and then deliver a report with their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners within 180 days. Chairman Everingham noted the MRC had invited DERM to participate in the meeting, but DERM was not present.

Spencer Crowley, Miami Dade County Commissioner to the Florida Inland Navigation District, distributed and presented a "Biscayne Bay Restoration Initiative" PowerPoint, and related draft "Biscayne Bay Restoration Partnership" Resolution. Mr. Crowley cited the successes of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative", which is a partnership of funding agencies which has completed 50 projects for \$80 million to improve water quality in the Lake Worth Lagoon, including sediment traps, baffle boxes, and removing septic tanks. Mr. Crowley stated his distributed draft resolution to create a similar partnership was created with direct input from Pamela Sweeney DERM, and Federico Fernandez, Chairman of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Mr. Crowley distributed resolutions from FIND and the SFWMD, supporting the draft "Biscayne Bay Restoration Partnership".

Attendees noted the Miami River and its tributaries are part of the regulated Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve. Attendees noted the Miami River has 150 storm water outfalls, which are the Miami River's leading source of pollution from the densely populated Miami River District. Attendees noted the majority of DERM's monthly water quality testing at various locations on the Miami River and its tributaries indicate significant violations. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection designated the Miami River an "impaired" waterbody. The Miami River is a contamination source in the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve. Spencer Crowley agreed to amend the draft "Biscayne Bay Restoration Partnership" Resolution after the "now therefore be it resolved" section by adding the words "Aquatic Preserve" after every reference to "Biscayne Bay", and including the Miami River Commission and the Miami River Marine Group in Section 6. A.'s list of non-governmental organizations.

MRC EDC Chairman Everingham recommended the MRC support the County's recently adopted "Biscayne Bay Restoration Task Force", and suggested the new "Task Force" strongly consider recommending the County Commission adopt the revised draft "Biscayne Bay Restoration Partnership" Resolution.

II. New Business

Brett Bibeau stated consistent with a previous MRC recommendation he has been communicating with City of Miami Police Major Richard Perez to try and increase Marine Patrol on the Miami River. MRC Director Bibeau stated the Marine Patrol may provide an update presentation at the MRC's February 4, 2019 public meeting, noon, 1407 NW 7 ST.

Mark Bailey, Miami River Marine Group, stated he would cc the MRC on his email to FDOT and Miami-Dade County seeking information about the condition and maintenance of all Bridges over the Miami River.

The meeting adjourned.

**Miami River Commission's
 Economic Development and Commerce Subcommittee
 Public Meeting**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
 10:30 AM
 1407 NW 7 ST
 Miami, FL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE / FAX / E-MAIL</u>
Phil Eversingham	MRC/MARINE COUNCIL	
Spencer Crowley Richard Veber	FIND SGCIA	786 858-2592 richardveber@ yahoo.com
Cassey Dreubach	FIND	305 877 6015 casseydreubach@ gmail.com
Christine Rupp	Dade Heritage Trust	305-358-9572 chris@dadeheritage.trust.org
DAVID MAER	MRC/SAO	davidmaer@miamisao.com
Tiffany Troxler	FIU	troxler4@fiu.edu
BRUCE L. BROWN	Miami River Marine MRC Group	305-788-6411
Brett Bibean	MRC	305 644 0544
Mark Bailey	Miami River Marine Group	miamiriver1@bellsouth.net
Hans E. Gillis	Antillean Marine Shipping	→ Mark Bailey Miami River Marine group.org (205) 633-6361