

Miami River Commission Public Meeting Minutes March 2, 2026

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, March 2, 2026, 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
Jim Murley, designee for Miami-Dade County Mayor Cava
Jonathan Fernandez, designee for City of Miami Mayor Eileen Higgins
Philip Everingham, designee for Miami Marine Council
Eileen Broton, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission
Richard Murphy, designee for Eileen Broton
Gary Gunness, Miami River Marine Group
John Michael Cornell, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the Governor
Janet Mestril, designee for Miami-Dade County Member at Large
Mike Simpson, designee for City of Miami Member at Large
Theodora Long, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by the City of Miami

MRC Staff:

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

I. Chair's Report and "Voluntary Improvement Plan" (VIP) Update

MRC Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

The Miami River Commission unanimously adopted the MRC's February public meeting minutes, which were emailed in advance of today's meeting.

Before you is our bilingual flyer inviting everyone to the free 27th Annual Miami Riverday which will be held April 11, 2026, 1-6 PM, Lummus Park, 250 NW North River Drive, featuring free boat rides, live music, environmental education, historic reenactors, children's activities, food and drinks. Thank you to our generous 48 sponsors which make this free opportunity available to the public, many of which can't afford boat rides on the Miami River.

MRC Vice Chairman Jim Murley provided the following Voluntary Improvement Plan (VIP) Update:

The Miami River Commission has been actively assisting the efforts of the City, County, State, and private sector to keep the Miami River District clean. The MRC pays professional maintenance companies every day to remove litter, invasive plant species, graffiti and provide landscaping, pressure washing, and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services along the Miami River. We remove 3 large 30 cubic yard dumpsters full of garbage every week.

II. City of Miami Presentation of Point Park Improvement Schematic Plan

Danny Lopez and Director Ellis, City of Miami Parks Department, distributed and presented a schematic plan of improvements to Point Park, based on the results of a resident survey, featuring an enhanced Riverwalk, exercise equipment, playground, gazebo, historic signage, lights, etc.

The City of Miami will continue meeting and communicating with the Spring Garden residents regarding the recently distributed and presented schematic plan.

III. Presentation of Plans to Develop 25 NW North River Drive and 395 NW 1 ST

Guillermo Mazon, Related Urban Development Group, distributed and presented a letter of intent and renditions for a new development "Gallery at Lummus Parc" on the long vacant former CAA building site at 395 NW 1 ST (upland side of North River Drive). The development includes 257 residential units featuring 157 work force units at 120% AMI and 57 extremely low-income units.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. The Miami River Commission Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee's February 11, 2026 public meeting minutes were distributed.
- b. The Miami River Commission Stormwater Subcommittee's January 21, 2026 public meeting minutes were distributed.

V. New Business

The public meeting adjourned.

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