

Miami River Commission Public Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, October 6, 2025, 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 Daniela Levine Cava
Megan Kelly, designee for City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez
Eddie Marti Kring, designee for County Commissioner Eileen Higgins
William Gonzalez, designee for Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle
Philip Everingham, designee for Miami Marine Council
Spencer Crowley, Member at Large Appointed by the City of Miami Commission
Theo Long, Neighborhood Representative appointed by Board of County Commissioners
Eileen Broton, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission
Richard Murphy, designee for Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission
Gary Gunness, Miami River Marine Group
Tere Garcia, designee for Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Alvaro Coradin, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the County Commission
John Michael Cornell, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the Governor
Neal Schafers, designee for Miami Downtown Development Authority

MRC Staff:

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

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

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

MRC Chairman Aguirre provided the following report:

The free 27th Annual Miami Riverday 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. If you would like to sponsor Miami Riverday, or advertise in the MRC's 23rd Annual Miami River Map & Guide, please contact MRC Director Bibeau.

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

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. 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.

The MRC thanks the Hands-on-Miami volunteers whom picked up garbage along the Miami River in Curtis Park on October 5.

II) Presentation of Updated Plans for 24 SW 4 ST One River Point / Faena

Brian Dombrowski, Greenberg Traurig, distributed and presented the current plans and Letter of Intent. Mr. Dombrowski stated the MRC previously recommended approval of a design for this site previously presented as “One River Point”. Since then, the design has been amended and Kar Properties partnered with Faena. Mr. Dombrowski stated the new design still provides a public riverwalk consistent with the requirements of the City Zoning Code Section 3.11 Waterfront Standards, and the Baywalk / Riverwalk Design Standards and Guidelines. Mr. Dombrowski distributed a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants which states in part, “The Owner shall construct a publicly accessible Riverwalk in accordance with the Miami River Greenway Action Plan and Miami 21 Code Waterfront Standards and as consistent with the Site Plan”.

The MRC unanimously recommended approval of the presented plans, Letter of Intent and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for 24 SW 4 ST.

III) Presentation Regarding Miami Dade County’s Comprehensive Plan and Evaluation Appraisal Report (EAR)

Mr. Vinod Sandanasamy, AICP, PTP, Strategic Transportation Planner, Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources distributed and presented a PowerPoint regarding the “Evaluation and Appraisal Report / Miami Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan” and the “Port of Miami River Sub element”. The PowerPoint stated in part:

“State law requires the County to review and update the CDMP every seven years to include:

- Amendments necessary to reflect changes to state law
- Amendments necessary to cover a 10-year planning period
- A comprehensive review to reflect changes in local conditions”

“General EAR Timeline

- Early 2026 – Public Workshops and Survey
- Late 2026 – Board of County Commissioners Hearing
- 2027 - EAR Based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Transmitted to State”

The MRC will continue participating in the EAR process.

IV) New Business

The public meeting adjourned.

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