

**Miami River Commission's
Urban Infill & Greenways Subcommittee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026**

Miami River Commission (MRC) Urban Infill & Greenways Subcommittee's Chairman Jim Murley convened the public meeting on May 12, 2026, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sheet is attached.

I) Discussion Regarding Illegal Charters on the Miami River

MRC Subcommittee Chairman Murley distributed the following:

“What are the city and county regulations pertaining to single family homes serving as departure points for charters. How can enforcement be enhanced, Education, warnings, citations, fines? Who are the responsible city and County officials.

What are the actual assignments of boats and personnel for marine enforcement by USCG, FFWCC, MDC and City of Miami, number of boats and actual full-time personnel? What actions are needed to appoint a supervisor for City of Miami Marine Patrol, enabling use for a full seven day week? Is the County Sheriff's office taking advantage of the free slip at Hurricane Cove?

What would be the procedures and decision necessary encourage and limit access to legal charter boats to specific locations, starting with a pilot at Lummus Park?

How many transient slips are authorized by Miami-Dade under current Marine Operating Permits? Location and number.

If a tourist from out of town wants to access a fully legal charter boats Captained by a licensed operator, leaving from a legal departure points, what 5 - 10 questions should they ask?”

Captain Bob Bijor, Sightseeing Tours Management, stated charters are regulated under Federal Register 33. Currently there is a “Port Miami Harbor Safety Committee”, whose next quarterly meeting is May 14 featuring an agenda item “Miami River Congestion”. On May 11 Captain Bob hosted a virtual meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard, Port Miami, and The Harbor Safety Committees from Chicago, Portland, California, Centauri Transport and the Miami River Commission. Captain Bob distributed a draft “Miami Harbor Safety Committee Charter and Bylaws which would now include Port Miami River in addition to Port Miami. The draft needs to be voted on and approved by the current Port Miami Harbor Safety Committee.

MRC Director Brett Bibeau stated charters are not allowed to pickup and drop off passengers from properties zoned single family residential, and there are over a dozen riverfront single family homes acting as illegal marinas for illegal charters. Currently DERM does not regulate single family homes, and City and County Code Enforcement should assist with enforcing no illegal marinas operating out of single-family homes. Eddie Enis, riverfront resident in Spring Garden,

stated illegal charters hurt riverfront residents quality of life with noise, illegal dumping, illegal parking, etc. in single family residential neighborhoods.

Director Bibeau stated the County Sherriff office is communicating with Hurricane Cove Marina & Boatyard, regarding accepting the offered free boat slip, and the MRC is advocating for the City Marine Patrol to assign a supervisor needed to fully utilize the free marine patrol slip and office at RMK Merrill Stevens.

This item will be placed on the Miami River Commission's July public meeting agenda.

II) Discussion Regarding Replacing 836 Fenders

Oscar Gonzalez, FDOT, distributed and presented, "I-395 / S.R. 836/I-95 Design-Build Project". The \$866 million dollar project commenced in July 2018 and is estimated to be completed in 2029. In the near future they will commence replacing the existing 836 bridge fenders with the improved fenders, but keep the existing fenders length. FDOT will be inviting the Marine Industry to monthly meetings to coordinate these projects and ensure continued navigation in Port Miami River's federal navigable channel.

This item will be placed on the Miami River Commission's June public meeting agenda.

III) Discussion Regarding Draft Legislation to Assist the Miami River Greenway

Samantha Maldonado, City of Miami Planning Department, distributed and presented 2 draft ordinances which allows sites near the Miami River Greenway to access Floor Area and bonus height, but not additional units / density, through paying cash towards construction of the on-road Miami River Greenway where funding is needed. Ms. Maldonado stated the 2 draft ordinances are estimated to be presented to the City of Miami's Planning and Zoning Board in June and the City Commission in July.

MRC Urban Infill & Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Murley recommended approval of the 2 presented ordinances to assist the Miami River Greenway.

This item will be placed on the Miami River Commission's June public meeting agenda.

IV) New Business

The public meeting adjourned.

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