

Miami River Commission
Public Virtual Workshop Minutes
February 7, 2022

The Miami River Commission (MRC) public virtual workshop (no actions nor votes taken) convened at noon, February 7, 2022.

Miami River Commission (MRC) Policy Committee Members and/or Designees attending:

Horacio Stuart Aguirre, MRC Chairman

Patty Harris, designee for Governor

Jim Murley, designee for Miami-Dade County Mayor Cava

Megan Kelly, designee for City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez

Nancy Jackson, designee for County Commissioner Eileen Higgins

Bruce Brown, Miami River Marine Group

John Michael Cornell, Designee for Luis Garcia

Tom Kimen, Neighborhood Representative appointed by City of Miami

Nilo Cuervo, designee for ST Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle

Sandy O'Neil, designee for Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Phil Everingham, designee for Miami Marine Council

MRC Staff:

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

Others attending interested in the River:

Sign in sheets available upon request.

I) Chair's Report

MRC Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

The Miami River Commission's January public meeting minutes were emailed in advance of today's meeting.

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 and pressure washing services along the Miami River, the MRC thanks the volunteers from Hands on Miami, whom on January 23 picked up garbage along the public Riverwalk in Curtis Park, and on January 30 picked up garbage along the Miami River's shoreline in Sewell Park.

II) Discussion of the Railroad along NW North River Drive

MRC Chairman Aguirre stated the Miami Intermodal Center Capacity Improvement Project (MR-MICCI), featuring the planned replacement of the old Railroad Bridge over the Miami River, was presented to the Miami River Commission on December 2, 2013 and September 8, 2014. I appreciate the representatives from the SFRTA and FDOT whom have joined us today to provide an update re the Railroad Bridge over the Miami River, and their railroad line along upper NW North River Drive.

Representatives from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Districts 6 & 4, presented the attached PowerPoint with the following update regarding the Railroad (RR) track along NW North River Drive, known as the "Downtown Lead".

3 RR crossings improvements were completed, and three more are planned at NW 30 Ave, NW 19 Ave, and NW 10 Ave.

3 dumpsters full of garbage have been picked up and removed from the subject area. The group will work together to address illegal dumping and create a regular maintenance schedule.

They are working on securing the remaining funding needed to replace the subject RR Bridge.

The public virtual workshop adjourned.