

**Miami River Commission's
Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee
April 17, 2023**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Holiday Boat Parade Subcommittee convened a public meeting on April 17, 2023, Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave. The sign in sheet is attached.

I) Review Potentially Required Permits

Attendees discussed the following potentially required permits for a Holiday Boat Parade on the Miami River, December 9, estimated 6:30 - 9 PM, a line of 40 vessels x 45 feet max each = 1,800 feet. 200 feet between each vessel x 23 gaps = 4,600 feet. Grand total = 6,400 feet navigates at idle no wake speed from Brickell Bridge to Tamiami Canal and back. An estimated 15 boats will require openings on taller bridges, while 25 boats will slip beneath without an opening. All boats in parade, plus marine patrol boats, will monitor Radio Channel 9 and all trade cell phone #'s. The line will proceed from east to west before it gets dark, and then when it is dark the parade starts as the boats return from west to east, ending at the confluence of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay with a potential fireworks or drone display. All vessels will be required to indemnify the City, MRC, etc and provide Certificates of Insurance coinsuring the City, MRC, etc.

Pablo Orozco, Savrabh Raka and Jinyam Lu, represented the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), which owns and operates the Brickell, 1 ST, Flagler, 5 ST, 12 Ave and 27 Ave Bridges over the Miami River. The FDOT representatives stated they will provide a FDOT District Six Permits Office Special Event Permit Application form which will need to be completed and submitted to FDOT for consideration. FDOT noted the turn around location is just west of the 27 Ave Bridge, therefore the estimated 15 boats requiring an opening for this bridge will pass through twice before the bridge is able to close, creating a concerning long opening. Therefore, everyone agreed to a compromise of having the estimated 25 vessels which do not require 27 Ave Bridge to open will navigate beneath the bridge and turn around west of 27 Ave, while the estimated 15 larger vessels will turn around just east of the bridge so that the Holiday Boat Parade will not require an opening of the 27 Ave Bridge. Attendees noted the 5 ST Bridge has a low vertical clearance, therefore 35 of the boats are estimated to require an opening which would require an estimated 25 minute opening which may require police assistance. Attendees stated they need to communicate with Miami-Dade County regarding their Miami River bridges which are S Miami Ave, 2 Ave, 17 Ave and 22 Ave.

II) New Business

Mercedes Rodriguez stated she and MRC Director Bibeau have a meeting scheduled with Rolando Aedo, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), on April 25 to ask for the GMCVB's leadership and sponsorship of the Holiday Boat Parade.

The next Holiday Boat Parade subcommittee public meeting will be the regularly scheduled first Monday of every month on May 15, 1 PM, Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave.

The public meeting adjourned.

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Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave

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