

**Miami River Commission's  
Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee  
November 8, 2023**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on November 8, 2023, 1407 NW 7 ST, at 9 AM. The sign in sheet is attached.

**I. Presentation of the Miami Dade County Department of Parks  
Recreation and Open Spaces' Waterfront Recreation Access Plan**

Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Director Maria Nardi and Allie Davis presented the Waterfront Recreation Access Plan (WRAP). The plan was funded by a Florida Inland Navigation District Grant. The distributed Waterfront Recreation Access Plan (WRAP) Overview stated:

“The WRAP provides a strategic framework and implementation for:

- Improving public access for boating, canoeing, kayaking, shoreline fishing, walking, wading, paddle boarding, swimming, and other recreational opportunities;
- Creating an interconnected system of publicly accessible waterfront destinations that includes expanded water-based transportation;
- Increasing and enhancing nature-based recreational and eco-tourism opportunities”

Coralee Penabad and Andrew Hellinger, Urbanxo, expressed support for the “expanded water-based transportation” recommendation from the WRAP, and stated they have been trying to get permission for water-based transportation at River Landing but it has been denied by Miami-Dade County DERM. Spencer Crowley stated the DDA Urbanism Committee expressed interest in promoting and perhaps funding waterborne transportation. Mr. Crowley noted the official Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan Committee.

The WRAP efforts include advocacy for education and enforcement of existing regulations. Mr. Hellinger stated the City of Miami Marine Patrol has a new vessel which could be used on the Miami River, but unfortunately, they don't have enough Marine Patrol officers to use the new vessel.

**Jim Murley and Spencer Crowley suggested the MRC support the WRAP plan and its implementation.** The WRAP will be presented at the full MRC's December 4 public meeting, noon, 101 W Flagler.

**II. Presentation Regarding Creating a New Public Mid River Greenspace  
at 1280 NW 11 ST**

Andrew Hellinger and Coralee Penabad, Urbanxo, presented plans and the River Landing Declaration of Restrictions. Mr. Hellinger stated the Public Mid River Greenspace Plans were

created by Barry Miller, Savino Miller, whom also created the Baywalk Riverwalk Design Standards and Guidelines, which the presented plans are compliant with. Mr. Hellinger stated River Landing has had 4.6 million visitors. Mr. Hellinger explained the adjacent construction on 836 has delayed creation of this public greenspace. The connecting section of the public Riverwalk continuing east beneath 836 will be designed and constructed by MDX. Mr. Hellinger stated Commissioner Eileen Higgins is asking MDX to amend their current plans in order to provide a matching public Riverwalk with a new seawall, matching the connection section in the new public Mid River Greenspace at 1280 NW 11 ST. Ms. Penabad and Mr. Hellinger stated after this presented Phase I creation of the public Mid River Greenspace, they plan on submitting permit applications for Phase 2 expansion further to the east (where RMK Merrill Stevens fence is currently located), and enhancements featuring cantilevered public Riverwalks. The Phase I DERM permit is ready and they are awaiting the City Permit.

**Jim Murley suggested the MRC support the creation of the public Mid-River Greenspace.** The public Mid River Greenspace will be presented at the full MRC's December 4 public meeting, noon, 101 W Flagler. Mr. Murley suggested inviting MDX and RMK Merrill Stevens.

### **III. New Business**

Spencer Crowley distributed and presented a summary of Florida Inland Navigation District's (FIND) "Commercial / Industrial Waterway Access Initiative". Mr. Crowley indicated John Ricisak, DERM, expressed interest in the County applying for this grant opportunity to improve the currently vacant and unused county owned riverfront site on the north shore west of 27 Ave.

The public meeting adjourned.

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## Public Meeting

November 8, 2023 - 9 AM

1407 NW 7 ST, Arts and Crafts Boardroom (facing Miami River)

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