

**Miami River Commission's
Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee
June 16, 2023**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on June 16, 2023, 1407 NW 7 ST, at 12:30 PM. The sign in sheet is attached.

I) Discuss City of Miami's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) with Potential Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Sue Trone, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, City of Miami, distributed and presented the draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) based track changed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to the Miami River. In addition, Ms. Trone distributed and presented a related summary memo. The memo states in part:

“Given the effort that went into the most recent update to the Miami River Sub-Element, adopted in 2010, little change is recommended at this time. The Planning Department has provided some updates that primarily address outdated information. This is to say, the updates offered recommend striking some information because some information is no longer relevant. Policies that tie to other elements for internal consistency within the MCNP are flagged below for ease of review.

A summary of the proposed amendments follows:

1. Line 84: Correction of a typo. (This is not part of the Port of Miami River Sub-Element)
2. Line 119: Objective PA-3.1: This objective references Policy LU-1.3.3 and Goal CM-3. These are listed here:

Policy LU-1.3.3

Pursuant to Ch.163.3177(6)(a),F.S., the City shall maintain regulatory incentives and criteria that encourage the preservation of recreational and commercial Working Waterfronts as defined in Ch.342.07,F.S., particularly in the “Port of Miami River” Subelement to guide future development within the Miami River Corridor.

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Goal CM-3

*Pursuant to Section 163.3178(2)(g), F.S., The City will maintain strategies that will
be used to preserve and adequate supply of land for recreational and commercial
Working Waterfront uses defined in Section 342.07, F.S.1*

3. Line 133: “large scale” is stricken. “expedited state review” is underlined. This is because in 2011 the Florida Legislature replaced the Large Scale amendment process for comprehensive planning with the Expedited State Review process. This is codified in Sec. 163.3184 (3), Florida Statute.
4. Lines 139-140: “by a reviewer selected by the Planning Department” is added text. This text is recommended language to Policy PA-3.1.2 which memorializes the no-net-loss policy for Category A properties within the working waterfront. This proposed language is offered with expectation of creating an arm’s length between the analyst and the reviewer. Moreover, the City’s adopted fees for the the Planning Department recently were amended to charge a separate fee for this service. This is recommended for additional clarity for applicants, stakeholders to working waterfronts, and the City of Miami which is responsible for administering the policy.
5. Line 215: “and Policy IC-2.1.30” is stricken. This policy was repealed in a previous ordinance and this should have been stricken at that time.
6. Lines 260-261: This amendment addresses the outdated reference to the FL Department of Community Affairs (strike out “Community Affairs”) and updates it to “Economic Opportunity”.
7. Line 285: Policy PA-3.3.8: Strike entire policy. This policy refers to Enterprise Zone tax incentives which no longer exist.
8. Line 300: Renumber Policy PA-3.3.9 to 3.3.8. Strike specific policies to make the policy more generalized and less necessary to update based on state-level changes to Brownfield policies.
9. Line 324: Renumber Policy PA-3.3.10 to 3.3.9. Strike specific policies to make them more generalized.
10. Line 330: Renumber Policy PA-3.3.11 to 3.3.10

11. Line 340: Renumbered
12. Lines 357-368: Strike policies for annual reporting.
13. Line 370: Policy PA-3.4.1: Propose a new policy for monitoring on loss or gain of recreational and commercial Working Waterfront land and uses to be presetned to the City Commission at a public hearing and report within one year of adoption and then in seven (7) year increments thereafter.

Next Steps

A legal review will commence later in July. All amendments will be brought to the Planning, Zoning, and Appeals Board (PZAB) on September 6, 2023. City Commission will be asked to vote on the amendments at a proposal hearing (first reading) by October 19, 2023. Transmittal for state coordinated review will commence no later than October 31, 2023.”

This item will be presented at the full Miami River Commission’s July 10 public meeting, noon, 101 W Flagler in the Library Auditorium.

MRC Urban Infill and Greenways subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley suggested the full MRC recommend approval of the City Administrations proposed EAR based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to the Miami River.

II) Discuss City of Miami’s New Draft Parks Master Plan

Carlos Perez presented a PowerPoint regarding the City of Miami’s draft new Parks Master Plan. The MRC’s previously provided advisory input was thankfully incorporated into the draft Parks Master Plan. This item will be presented at the full Miami River Commission’s July 10 public meeting, noon, 101 W Flagler in the Library Auditorium. **MRC Urban Infill and Greenways subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley suggested the full MRC recommend approval of the City Administrations proposed EAR based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to the Miami River.**

III) Discuss Security along the Miami River Greenway

MRC Urban Infill and Greenways subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley stated he requested this item be placed on the agenda. MRC Director Bibeau thanked City of Miami Police Officers Maguffey, Russell and Sarmiento and State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle’s new MRC designee David Hardin for attending the meeting and their recent excellent work in Miami River Rapids Park. The Officers stated they recently made another arrest of the illegal drug dealer whom has been selling illegal drugs and living in Miami River Rapids Park, and Mr Hardin stated they have now added a charge of selling close to the Miami Bridge which is a educational facility for

children, and will add a stay away order on sentence to ensure he doesn't return to this location again as he has done after previous arrests at this same location.

MRC Director Bibeau provided the following email from a resident of Neo Lofts, 10 SW South River Drive which he previously forwarded to the Little Havana Police Commander and NRO, "If you could be my voice at the meeting, mentioning the situation under the Bridge (Riverwalk beneath 1 ST Bridge near S. River Drive), it would be greatly appreciated. Nothing has changed since the last time we spoke, I did receive a call from the police officer you phoned with (I don't remember his name), he told me they had passed by and they saw no one in that area, he also reminded me that it is not illegal for people to be there. However, the drug dealing situation continues, and one only needs to be around for 10 mins to see how people arrive to buy drugs from the guy that made that spot his headquarters. Thank you!"

MRC Director Bibeau thanked Roman Jones whom recently started funding a security guard whom patrols 2 blocks of the City owned on-road Miami River Greenway from 450 NW North River Drive to 600 NW 7 Ave, including the area beneath the 5 ST Bridge. MRC Bibeau added the areas beneath several Miami River Bridges remains problematic and recommended the City of Miami Police Department provide Officers along the public Riverwalk patrolling on bicycles and or Segways.

IV) New Business

MRC Director Bibeau thanked and distributed the City of Miami's plans to replenish landscaping along the City of Miami owned on-road Greenway. Director Bibeau stated this month he will walk the entire route with the plans taking notes to provide to the City for consideration.

The public meeting adjourned.

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From: brettbibeau@miamirivercommission.org
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 10:05 AM
To: 'Oscar Gonzalez'
Cc: 'Brett Bibeau'
Subject: NE Shoreline next 836

Hi Oscar,

Per my call this AM, are you available for a site visit on the Miami River shoreline to the NE of 836 this Friday, 6/30, at 8:30 AM?

THX

Sincerely,
Brett

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Public Meeting

June 16, 2023 - ~~10 AM~~ 1 PM

1407 NW 7 ST, Larger Boardroom (facing Miami River)

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