

**Miami River Commission's  
Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee  
January 22, 2024**

Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley convened a public meeting on January 22, 2024, 1407 NW 7 ST, at noon. The sign in sheet is attached.

**I) Discuss Status of Public Miami River Greenway Connectors**

- a. **Public Riverwalk Connection Between One Miami and Aston Martin Residences** – Carlos Diaz, Greenberg Traurig, Marsh Kriplen and Adrian Aranda, Makwork, presented the construction engineering documents for this section of the public Riverwalk which is currently finishing construction. On the eastern end there are 2 landscape areas with 12.5 feet of unobstructed "circulation zone" in between, and they will look into widening it to 15 feet as required by code. MRC Subcommittee Chairman Murley recommended enhanced signage as this location is the north shore trailhead for miles of the Miami River Greenway system.
- b. **Public Riverwalk Connection Between Casa Neo and City Owned Riverfront Site** – Guillaume Vidallet, Fabien Guandiola, Riviera Dining Group and Attorney Marc Sarnoff stated there 3 restaurants are nearing construction completion on North River Drive between the Flagler and 1 St Bridges. They presented plans for the desire to fund and construct a 5' wide public Riverwalk featuring a new needed seawall (estimated \$1,000,000) on City owned riverfront at 20 NW North River Drive located between their restaurants public Riverwalk and the Flagler Bridge, plus \$1,000 a month in rent to the City, in return for expanding the area for their restaurant tables and chairs onto the City property. Ms. Hannah Manzo, City of Miami Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, stated the City of Miami ordered an appraisal of the City owned site, which is required in order to determine the market rate prior to negotiations.

Attendees reviewed the City of Miami's awarded 2022 Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) titled "20 NW North River Drive Rip Rap and Boat Slip 40-B223800". The Phase I grant was awarded for design and engineering estimated to cost \$128,250 of which FIND awarded \$43,200 and the City match is \$85,050. After the design is permitted, the City may apply to FIND for 50% of the funding needed for construction. Attendees reviewed the City of Miami's Quarterly Status Report for this awarded grant which the City submitted to FIND indicating the awarded design is 0% complete. The City of Miami is yet to contract an engineering because the estimated design cost is now \$388,580, therefore the City needs to secure an additional \$206,330 in order to be able to hire an engineer.

- c. Public Riverwalk at Miami Circle and Public Riverwalk to the West -**  
Carlos Diaz, Greenberg Traurig, stated he would like to present an update re the future public Riverwalk plans by the Related Group developments on the Miami River's south shore west of the Brickell Bridge to the MRC's subcommittee in May and the full MRC in June.
- d. Public Riverwalk Beneath I-95 North Shore and Dream Hotel**  
Alex Mantecon, Riverside Wharf, stated they have commenced construction of their new seawall which will be connected to the public Riverwalk at the future Dream Hotel located on the Miami River's North shore just west of I-95. Attendees noted the need for the adjacent FDOT owned existing section of the public Riverwalk beneath I-95 is not consistent with the City Code's design standards and guidelines for the public Riverwalk, and should be brought into compliance with code.
- e. Connecting 2 Adjacent Existing Public Riverwalks on the Miami River's South Shore Beneath the 2 Ave Bridge and Latitude on the River**  
MRC Director Bibeau reported the Army Corps of Engineers denied Latitude on the River's application to construct a small bridge structure to connect the 2 existing sections of the public riverwalk, because surprisingly the public Riverwalk beneath the 2 Ave Bridge is located in the Federal Navigable Channel. MRC Subcommittee Chairman Murley and Director Bibeau have a meeting scheduled with the Army Corps of Engineers, and this item will be placed on the MRC's 2/5 public meeting agenda for discussion.

## **II) Discuss Ft Dallas Park / Flagler's Workers House**

Ms. Hannah Manzo, City of Miami Department of Real Estate and Asset Management(DREAM), stated the City of Miami's Parks Department manages this location, not DREAM.

MRC Members Megan Kelly, Jim Murley, and MRC Director Brett Bibeau recalled the MRC's numerous respectful recommendations for the City of Miami to please restore the historically designated Flagler Workers House, improve and reopen the 90% closed Fort Dallas Park.

The adjacent Hyatt redevelopment approval at City Commission included the developers providing \$1,000,000 to Fort Dallas Park upon issuance of a building permit, which is estimated in a couple years.

MRC Director Bibeau stated he emailed the Office of this district's new City Commissioner Pardo, asking to schedule a site visit in Fort Dallas Park.

**III) Discuss Status of Public Paid Parking in the Lummus Park Area**

MRC Director Bibeau stated the County recently indicated they are currently working on removing the fence and reopening the public paid parking lot before the free 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami Riverday on April 6, 2024.

**IV) New Business**

The public meeting adjourned.

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

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