

# **Miami River Commission's Urban Infill and Greenways Subcommittee February 12, 2020 Minutes**

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) Urban Infill and Greenways subcommittees conducted a public meeting on February 12, 2020, 3 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sign in sheets are enclosed. MRC Urban Infill Subcommittee Chairman Jim Murley conducted the public meeting.

## **I. City of Miami Administration's Proposed Draft Amendments to City Code CH. 29, Article III "Landfills and Waterfront Improvements" and Appendix B**

City of Miami Public Works Director Dodd distributed and presented a presentation and the draft ordinance revisions to elevate seawalls in response to sea level rise. Director Dodd noted the administrations proposed ordinance is based on an ordinance recently adopted in Fort Lauderdale. Director Dodd stated he estimates the City Commission will consider this item in spring or summer. MRC Director Bibeau suggested having maintenance requirements for living shorelines which trap plastics and Styrofoam along the shorelines with every passing tide, and increased vacuuming out of the storm water drainage system by the City, County and FDOT. Director Dodd stated the City recently increased their vacuuming of their storm water system to once every 2 years, and next year it will be more often. Director Dodd stated City is installing screens in front of storm water drains to keep items out of the system, which then require more frequent street cleaning to unclog the screens and allow the water to pass through them. Attendees discussed means of paying for seawall replacements, such as F.E.M.A, creating a Special Taxing District, creating a C.R.A., P.A.C.E. which is like a 2<sup>nd</sup> loan and would require an amendment by the FL Legislature, etc. Compliance with the new code would be triggered by flooding or disrepair.

**MRC Urban Infill Subcommittee Chairman Murley suggested the full MRC recommend approval of the City's proposed ordinance amendments to increase sea level elevations in response to sea level rise, with the following conditions:**

- 1) Work on addressing the required financing**
- 2) Include both private and public sector seawalls**
- 3) Consider any differences which may be needed in D1 and D3 zoning, in order to avoid any unintentional impacts.**

## **II. Miami Dade County Public Works Presentation of Plans to Reconstruct County Owned NW South River Drive from the Tamiami Swing bridge to NW 36 ST**

Mr. Leandro Ona distributed and presented Miami-Dade County's almost 30% complete plans to reconstruct NW South River Drive from the Tamiami Swing Bridge to NW 36 ST. Attendees noted the current street is in disrepair, and does not have sidewalks. Mr. Ona stated all area properties will always have vehicular access to their sites for the duration of the construction project, with the exception of a portion of the 1 particular day when their individual driveway is replaced. Attendees noted the need to be aware and sensitive to the needs of the existing area businesses in the design of the project. MRC Director Bibeau reminded Miami-Dade County that consistent with the 6.5 miles of existing Miami River Greenway the proposed new section should feature:

- mesa beige sidewalk color
- signage per the provided and adopted Miami River Greenway Signage Design Specifications and Guidelines
- decorative lights
- decorative garbage cans should have tops to keep rain water out of the cans (which otherwise would create contaminating leachate)
- the County's existing contract for the non-profit 501c3 MRC to provide landscaping and garbage removal at County owned sections of the Miami River Greenway may be amended to include this new additional section of County owned Miami River Greenway

Miami-Dade County will host a public meeting regarding this project on 2/27, 6 PM, Lummus Park. In addition, Miami-Dade County will provide an additional public meeting with the MRC when the plans are 90% complete.

**MRC Urban Infill subcommittee Chairman Murley suggested the MRC recommend Miami-Dade County continue working on the plans with input from the area's property owners, and seek consistency with this area's Palmer Lake District Zoning.**

## **III. New Business**

The meeting adjourned.

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