

**Miami River Commission  
Public Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2025**

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) public meeting convened at noon, February 3, 2025, in the Downtown Library Auditorium, 101 W Flagler. Sign in sheets are attached.

**Miami River Commission (MRC) Policy Committee Members and/or Designees attending:**

Horacio Stuart Aguirre, Chairman, Appointed by the Governor  
James Murley, Vice-Chairman, designee for Miami-Dade County Daniela Levine Cava  
Megan Kelly, designee for City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez  
Eddie Marti Kring, designee for County Commissioner Eileen Higgins  
Theo Long, Neighborhood Representative appointed by Board of County Commissioners  
Eileen Broton, Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission  
Richard Murphy, designee for Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission  
Bruce Brown, Miami River Marine Group  
Mike Simpson, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the City Commission  
William Gonzalez, designee for State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle  
John Michael Cornell, designee for Member at Large Appointed by the Governor

**MRC Staff:**

Brett Bibeau, Managing Director

**I) Chair's Report and "Voluntary Improvement Plan" (VIP) Update**

The Miami River Commission unanimously adopted their January public meeting minutes.

MRC Chairman Horacio Stuart Aguirre provided the following report:

Before you is your invitation to the free 26th Annual Miami Riverday, which will be held April 5, 2025, 1-6 PM, Lummus Park, 250 NW North River Drive, featuring free boat rides, live music, environmental education, historic reenactors, children's activities, food and drinks. We thank all of our listed generous sponsors which allow Riverday to remain free to the public, many of whom are represented here today such as Commissioner Higgins, Commissioner Gabela, John Michael Cornell from Hurricane Cove, Mike Simpson from Island Queen Cruises, and Antillean Marine.

On behalf of the MRC, we thank the City Commission which is going to increase funding for the City of Miami Marine Patrol services along the Miami River. A video excerpt from the last City Commission meeting was played.

MRC Vice Chairman Jim Murley provided the following Miami River Voluntary Improvement Plan (VIP) Update: The Miami River Commission has been actively assisting the efforts of the City, County, State, and private sector to clean up the Miami River District. The MRC pays professional maintenance companies every day to remove litter, invasive plant species, graffiti and provide landscaping, pressure washing, vacuum truck, and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services along the Miami River. In addition, the MRC thanks the Hands-on-Miami volunteers whom picked up garbage along the Miami River in Sewell Park on January 19, and in Curtis Park on January 26.

## **II. Presentation Regarding “Report on the Feasibility of Implementing Multimodal Transit along the Coast of Miami-Dade County – Directive 231903”**

A week prior to the meeting the “Report on the Feasibility of Implementing Multimodal Transit along the Coast of Miami-Dade County – Directive 231903” was distributed. Becky Hope presented and distributed PowerPoint. The presentation included:

- Examples of multimodal transport including “Boats, Ferries, Yachts and Catamarans”
- “Feasible Primary Sites (To serve as terminals for Multimodal Transit options)”
- “Feasible Secondary Sites (To serve as terminals for Multimodal Transit options)”
- “Feasible Days and Hours of Operation”

## **III. Presentation Regarding Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization’s (TPO) “Feasibility of Implementing a Waterborne Transportation Network in Miami-Dade County”**

Stephanie Romero, BCC Engineering / TPO Consultant, and Hector DiDonato, TPO, presented and distributed a PowerPoint regarding the “Feasibility of Implementing a Waterborne Transportation Network in Miami-Dade County”. The presentation included:

- “Alternatives Analysis: Initial 3 Routes” (including a “Miami River Route”)
- “Alternatives Analysis: Recommendations (including a DDA Miami River Route)”

## **IV. Presentation Regarding City of Miami’s “Miami Forever Climate Ready: Extreme Heat Plan”**

Sonia Brubaker, City of Miami Chief Resilience Officer, presented and distributed a PowerPoint regarding the “Miami Forever Climate Ready: Extreme Heat Plan”. The presentation included:

- 130 days per year the temperature in Miami is at or above 90 degrees
- List of “Cooling Solutions, Shade, Water, Design”
- List of “Shade Actions, Water Actions, Design Actions”
- Heat Response Protocol

## **V. New Business**

The public meeting adjourned.

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