

Miami River Commission's Greenways Subcommittee September 9, 2013 Minutes

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) Greenways Subcommittee (GSC) conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2013, 2:30 PM, 1407 NW 7 Street. The attendance sheet is enclosed. The previously distributed June 12, 2013 MRC Greenways Subcommittee public meeting minutes were accepted.

I. City of Miami Public Riverwalk Construction Updates –

Attendees reviewed aerial exhibits and provided following construction updates on the City of Miami's following public Riverwalk projects:

1) **B-30651**

Geographic Area: South River Drive / NW 7 ST from 10-12 Ave

Status: Nearing completion – needs benches, way-finding signs, informational kiosks, removal of old utility poles, etc

2) **B-40686**

Geographic Area: South River Drive from NW 1 ST to NW 5 ST Bridge

Status: Nearing completion – needs final asphalt, benches, way-finding signs, informational kiosks, removal of old utility poles, etc

3) **B-30336**

Geographic Area: A) South River Drive from NW 5 ST Bridge to NW 10 Ave

Status: Nearing completion – needs benches, correct way-finding signs, correct informational kiosks, removal of old utility poles, etc

4) **B-30130**

Geographic Area: South Shore Metro-Rail to South Miami Ave Bridge

Status: Nearing completion – needs benches aligned and secured, sidewalk colored mesa beige, removal of old utility poles, etc

5) **B-40643A**

Geographic Area: North River Drive from NW 7 Ave to NW 12 Ave

Status – Nearing completion – needs install informational kiosks, remove old wood light poles by FPL, etc.

6) **B-30631**

Geographic Area: South Shore from Miami Circle to South Miami Ave

Status = Hired Engineer to make construction documents – design commenced Feb. 2012 - complete Feb. 2013 – need to submit to FDOT for LAP

7) **B-30643**

Geographic Area:

A. North River Drive small gap between the existing Greenway sections at the 5th Street Bridge and 6th Avenue (FPL DESIGN INVOICE NEEDED)

B. Lummus Landing (riverfront portion of Lummus Park)- City issued Purchase Order for Milian, Swain and Associates to update their previous design for this site; survey phase

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completed in March, and estimated design completed by Fall 2012. City intends to utilize original Milian, Swain plan/schematics for Lummus Landing, including the placement of boat slips, riverwalk, and decorative lighting. City provided additional \$1,076,000 saved from another Miami River Greenway project, to finish the riverwalk in Lummus Landing, \$661,007 of which was approved on City Commission's January 27 agenda item RE. 3, and \$414,993 approved at 2/24/11 City Commission meeting. (no Federal funding)

- C. Applied FIND grant in April 2013 – although scored high enough for funding grant was lost due to not having ACOE permit by 9/25/13 deadline

Design Status: 100% complete

Needed Action Items: secure permits, hire contractor, construct

8) Job Order Contract (JOC) with no Federal funds

Geographic Area: NW North River Drive, from NW 2 ST to NW 3 ST

Design Status: 90% complete

Needed Action Items:

- 1) First Complete B-30643 (Lummus Landing, #7)
- 2) FPL

3) Advertise for Construction Bids

- 4) City Commission
- 5) Execute Construction Contracts
- 6) Issue NTP
- 7) Construction

9) Health District Riverwalk / 82-70587 (\$961,000 in City funds, FY '12 – '13 \$200,000 for design, followed by FY '13 – '14 \$761,000 for construction)

Geographic Area: North shore, NW 12 Ave to Mahi Shrine

Design Status: Under design

Needed Action Items:

- 1) Contract engineer – Design estimated March – July 1 , 2013
- 2) Apply for permits
- 3) execute paperwork with property owners Miami-Dade County and MDX

10) Improve Curtis Park Boat Ramp (no federal funding)

Design Status: City contracted engineer

Needed Action Items:

- 1) Obtain Permits
- 2) March 2013, City applied for a FIND 50% cost share grant (no Federal funds) – although scored high enough for funding lost FIND grant due to lack of permits by 9/25/13 deadline
- 3) Secure Permits
- 4) Reapply FIND grant in April 2014

The City of Miami submitted a pending “Health District Riverwalk Phase II” grant application for \$1 million in federal funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) to design and construct the public Miami River Greenway on the north shore from NW 17 Ave to just west of I-836. A February 24, 2012 letter from the FDOT stated, “The District has included the below comments for the enhancement projects that were proposed but not selected in order to increase

the likelihood of successful resubmittal in future enhancement cycles. The 'Health District Riverwalk' was not recommended for funding due to several Miami River Greenway projects that have prior year commitments which have not been spent or advanced." Thankfully 2 of the Miami River Greenway construction contracts were unanimously approved by the City on September 13, and construction commenced prior to the application's November deadline. Therefore that written "comment" in last year's funding denial has been resolved. The Greenways subcommittee thanked the City of Miami and TEP grant program.

II. Miami-Dade County Riverwalk Construction Updates – Ms. Lana Moorey, Miami-Dade County Public Works Department, emailed the following update in advance of the meeting:

**“FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT (FIND)
WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR
THE MIAMI RIVER GREENWAYS RIVERWALK**

PROJECT INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED USING FIND ONLINE FORM

REPORTING PERIOD: 6-15-2013 to 9-1-13

WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

Total Project Amount: \$1,241,347.10

Date Started: January 14, 2013

Proposed End Date: November 10, 2013

Contract Time: 300 calendar days

Overall % Completion: 89%

Sites under Construction: #1, #2, #3 and #6

Site #1:

- Gravity wall and Seawall completed.
- Color concrete sidewalk completed.
- Benches, trash receptacles, dog station, bike racks, signs completed
- Irrigation System and Lighting System are in progress.
- Overall Site Completion: 88%

Site # 2:

- Sheet Piling is completed.
- Seawall is completed.
- Color concrete sidewalk is completed.
- Benches, Dog station, Bike racks, Trash Receptacle and signs are completed.
- Lighting System is in progress.
- Irrigation System is in progress.
- Overall Site Completion: 85%

Site #3:

- Pavers are completed.
- Drainage System is completed.
- Color concrete sidewalk is completed.
- Benches, dog station, bike racks and signs completed
- Painting completed.
- Lighting System is in progress.
- Overall Site Completion: 92%

Site #6:

- Gravity wall and Drainage System are completed.
- Sheet Piling is completed.
- Seawall reinforcement is completed.
- Benches, trash receptacle, dog station, bike racks and signs completed.
- Lighting System (85%) and Irrigation System (90%) are in progress.
- Color concrete sidewalk is in progress. This is about 95% complete.
- Overall Site Completion: 91%

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

None Reported

PERCENTAGE COMPLETION:

89 %

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS:

Project photos will be submitted to document the work progress accomplished.”

Site 4 & 5 (Metro-Rail North and South Shores)

Per BCC request, MDC PW obtained following needed adjacent small riverfront parcel dedications (with assistance from the MRC):

- SW side of Metro Rail (Neo Vertika)
- NW side of Metro-Rail
- NE side of MetroRail

FIND awarded \$500,000 matching grant, with secured ACOE and FDEP permits. Now with executed dedications, will obtain final local permits (MDC and City).

Ms. Moorey stated Miami-Dade County resubmitted an improved version of last year's "Robert King High Riverwalk" grant application for \$1 million in federal funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) to design and construct the public Miami River Greenway on the south shore from NW 12 Ave to just west of I-836, which will be presented to FDOT on May 30. A February 24, 2012 letter from the FDOT stated, "Miami River Greenway (at Robert King High Towers) - This project was not recommended for funding due to its lack of connectivity with other Greenway projects, as well as the need to obtain permits and possibly an archeological survey." Thankfully the 2 Miami River Greenway construction contracts were unanimously approved by the City Commission on September 13, 2012, and construction commenced along NW South River Drive from current terminus at NW 5 ST Bridge to the NW 12 Ave Bridge prior to the application's November 2012 deadline. Therefore the public Miami River Greenway connects to the eastern terminus of the geographic area in the subject application (NW 12 Ave to I-836). In addition, like all sections of the 5 miles of Miami River Greenway constructed to date, if awarded of course the County would obtain permits and an archeological survey as required by law. Therefore the "explanations" noted in last year's funding denial have been resolved.

The Greenway's subcommittee thanked Miami-Dade County.

III. **New Business** – The Greenways subcommittee will present an updated aerial powerpoint during the MRC's November public meeting.

The Greenways subcommittee's next monthly public meeting schedule is October 16, 2 PM, 1407 NW 7 ST.

The meeting adjourned.

**Miami River Commission's
Greenways Subcommittee**

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