



National Park Service (Artist's rendering)

Cabins built from shipping containers will replace the old lodge, according to this proposed design.

Everglades National Park's old lodge ready to reopen 20 years later

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Nearly 20 years ago, back-to-back hurricanes left the old Flamingo Lodge at Everglades National Park in ruins. Now, the famed lodge is finally ready to reopen.

Park officials will celebrate the grand opening on Oct. 27. Flamingo 2.0 is elevated on stilts and made from shipping containers. Park officials said its 24 rooms and new restaurant are energy-efficient and built to withstand flooding.

The old pink visitor

center, also damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, reopened in July.

Lodge reservations are now being accepted for stays beginning Nov. 1. Summer and winter rates start at \$159 a night. Winter and spring rates start at \$259.

Biscayne National Park weighs fee changes at Boca Chita, Elliott Keys

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Biscayne National Park is asking visitors to weigh in on proposed fee changes for services at Boca Chita and Elliott Keys.

It would include a new docking fee and a flat camping fee. Proceeds would be used to improve



PHOTO BY NEIL MONTANUS/NPS

Boca Chita Key, once a millionaire's retreat, is now the park's most popular island.

visitor services and better address trash pick-up and disposal, dock repair, resource damage mitigation and facilities maintenance.

In a statement to WLRN, Biscayne National Park officials say the pro-

posed fees would help its team improve the visitor experience and management of the remote islands.

The public comment period runs from Sept. 22 to Oct. 23.

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH HOW A PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE DURING THE OCTOBER 25, 2023 HYBRID PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS COMMISSION MEETING

In-Person Participation:

On **October 25, 2023**, commencing at 5:00 p.m., the City of Miami Beach will host a Hybrid Presentations and Awards Commission Meeting. During the Hybrid Commission Meeting, the City Commission will be physically present in the Temporary Commission Chamber - **Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCC)** at **1901 Convention Center Drive in Meeting Rooms 222-225**, Miami Beach, Florida, 33139.

Observing the Commission Meeting:

The Commission Meeting will be broadcast live on Miami Beach TV (MBTV), viewable on the City's website at, <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/government/mbtv/> as well as on Breezeline Cable channel 660, AT&T U-verse channel 99, Hotwire Communications channel 395, and ROKU device on PEG.TV channel. Closed captioning displays of the audio portion of the Commission Meeting are available in English and Spanish on MBTV. The Commission Meeting will also be broadcast live on social media at facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach. Closed captioning displays of the audio portion of the Commission Meeting are available in English on Facebook.

Submitting Written Public Comment Before the Commission Meeting:

The public may submit written comments by sending an email to CityClerk@miamibeachfl.gov by 5:00 p.m. the day before the Commission Meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the email subject line. Emails received will be forwarded to the Mayor and Commissioners and will be included as a part of the meeting record.

Before every Commission meeting, an Agenda and backup materials are published by the Administration. The Agenda and backup materials are available on the City's website: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/agenda-archive-main-page-2/> the Thursday before a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. Interested parties are invited to take part in this meeting or be represented by an agent. This meeting, or any item therein, may be continued, and under such circumstances, additional legal notice need not be provided.

To request this material in an alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and/or any accommodation to review any document or participate in any City-sponsored proceedings, call 305.604.2489 and select option 6; TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service).

Directions to the Temporary Commission Chamber

Please enter the MBCC on Convention Center Drive. Meeting Rooms 222-225 are located on the Second Floor, south side. Upon arriving at the MBCC, attendees will be required to check in at the Visitor Management Station located in the Ground Floor Lobby and obtain a Visitor Pass before proceeding to Rooms 222-225. There will be signage in the MBCC indicating the direction of travel.

Parking

Meeting attendees can continue to park at the City Hall Garage (1755 Meridian Avenue) or 17th Street Garage (640 17th Street).

Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi will be available at the MBCC for meeting attendees using CMB-Guest, no password is required.

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