

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 4, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing Theodora  
Long to the policy committee of  
the Miami River Commission

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)  
4-4-23

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THEODORA LONG TO THE  
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission was created by the Florida Legislature over 20 years ago to improve the 5.5-mile Miami River and its surroundings, including the 69-square-mile water basin that includes portions of the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission is comprised of numerous stakeholders and is established as the official coordinating clearinghouse for all public policy and projects related to the Miami River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission endeavors to improve the natural environment and the economy of the Miami River and adjacent areas by operating water decontamination vessel services, removing illegally dumped material and invasive plant species from submerged lands, and purchasing and delivering plants, mulch, and dirt for volunteers to use at frequent public Miami River walk beautification events; and

**WHEREAS**, section 163.06, Florida Statutes, establishes for the Miami River Commission a policy committee with various statutorily enumerated powers and duties, such as creating a strategic plan for improvement of the Miami River and surrounding areas, preparing an integrated financial plan, providing technical assistance and political support to implement the strategic and financial plans, and accepting any specifically defined coordinating authority or function delegated to the committee by any level of government through a memorandum of understanding or other legal instrument; and

**WHEREAS**, the voting members of the policy committee are designated by statute as “the Governor, the chair of the Miami-Dade County delegation, the chair of the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District, the Miami-Dade County State Attorney, the Mayor of Miami, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, a commissioner of the City of Miami Commission, a commissioner of the Miami-Dade County Commission, the chair of the Miami River Marine Group, the chair of the Marine Council, the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, and the chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; two neighborhood representatives, selected from the Spring Garden Neighborhood Association, the Grove Park Neighborhood Association, and the Miami River Neighborhood Enhancement Corporation, one neighborhood representative to be appointed by the city commission and one neighborhood representative to be appointed by the county commission, each selected from a list of three names submitted by each such organization; one representative from an environmental or civic association, appointed by the Governor; and three members-at-large, who shall be persons who have a demonstrated history of involvement on the Miami River through business, residence, or volunteer activity, one appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the city commission, and one appointed by the county commission”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to fill the vacancy of the seat on the policy committee for a neighborhood representative to be appointed by the County Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, under the statute, the representative shall be selected from a list of three names submitted by the Spring Garden Neighborhood Association, the Grove Park Neighborhood Association, and the Miami River Neighborhood Enhancement Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter, the Chairman of the Miami River Commission has submitted a list of three such names; and

**WHEREAS**, as explained in the attached letter, Theodora “Theo” Long has been submitted as a representative from the Grove Park Neighborhood Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Theo Long has resided along the Miami River since 1977 and has lived in Grove Park since 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades, Ms. Long has been dedicated to the improvement of her neighborhood, the Miami River, and Miami-Dade County at large through her involvement in and leadership of various civic organizations and activities relating to neighborhood beautification, historic preservation, and environmental education; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to appoint Theodora Long as the County-appointed neighborhood representative on the policy committee of the Miami River Commission,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and approved.

**Section 2.** This Board appoints Theodora Long as the County-appointed neighborhood representative on the policy committee of the Miami River Commission.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Christopher J. Wahl

**Policy Committee:**

**Governor of State of Florida**  
Mr. Ron DeSantis  
Designee: Ms. Patricia Harris

**Chair of Miami-Dade Delegation**  
Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez  
Designee: Senator Ileana Garcia

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Mr. Chancey Goss  
Designee: Mr. Scott Wagner

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Designee: Mr. David Maer

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Mayor Daniella Levine Cava  
Designee: Mr. Jim Murley

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Commissioner Alex Diaz de la Portilla

**Miami-Dade County Commissioner**  
Commissioner Eileen Higgins  
Designee: Ms. Maggie Fernandez

**Chair of Miami River Marine Group**  
Mr. Bruce Brown  
Designee: Mr. Richard Dubin

**Chair of Marine Council**  
Mr. Michael Karcher  
Designee: Mr. Phil Everingham

**Executive Director of Downtown Development Authority**  
Ms. Alyce Robertson  
Designee: Ms. Christina Crespi

**Chair of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce**  
Mr. Alfred Sanchez  
Designee: Ms. Sandy O'Neil

**Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission**  
Dr. Ernest Martin  
Designee: Mr. Tom Kimen

**Neighborhood Representative Appointed by Miami-Dade Commission**  
Ms. Sallye Jude  
Designee: Mr. Mike Simpson

**Representative from Environmental or Civic Organization Appointed by the Governor**  
Mr. Horacio Stuart Aguirre

**Member at Large Appointed by the Governor**  
Mr. Luis Garcia  
Designee: Mr. John Michael Cornell

**Member at Large Appointed by Miami-Dade Commission**  
Ms. Sara Babun  
Designee: Ms. Roselvic Noguera

**Member at Large Appointed by City of Miami Commission**

**Managing Director**  
Mr. Brett Bibeau

# Miami River Commission



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January 17, 2023

**Re: Homeowners to Consider for the Board of County Commissioner's Neighborhood Representative Appointment to the Miami River Commission**

I'm happy to provide the following 3 bios for the Board of County Commissioner's consideration to appoint to the Miami River Commission's vacant neighborhood representative, to be selected from the Spring Garden Civic Association and the Grove Park Neighborhood Association:

- Theo Long, Grove Park Neighborhood Association
- Eileen Broton, Spring Garden Civic Association
- Emmett Moore, Spring Garden Civic Association

I appreciate your time and consideration of these willing volunteers, whom are outstanding residents and homeowners from the specified Miami River Associations.

Sincerely,

Horacio Stuart Aguirre  
Chairman,  
Miami River Commission

## Theodora Long

901 NW 14 CT, Miami, FL 33125

Theodora Long has lived along the Miami River since 1977. She and her husband bought a home in Grove Park in 1982. In 1984, she planted 100 trees in Grove Park. The City of Miami was closing their plant nursery and the City of Miami gave her the 100 trees, (oaks, royal poinciana, coconut palms, mahogany, royal palms, and tabebuia). Theodora hired a homeless gentleman who lived under the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge with his wife, to dig the holes for the 100 trees which needed to be planted in the swale or on the front lawns of Grove Park residents. She paid the gentleman \$20 a hole and supervised the project with her newborn son in the baby carriage. She supplied the shovels, pick and cold water.

At this time, the Miami River was being over seen by Bob Parks in Bob Park's Law Firm Office. Theo would attend regular meetings and plea with Bob Parks to save Grove Park from the demise of rent landlords running rooming houses in Grove Park.

Theo was a stay-at-home-mother who would watch items from everyone's yard items being carried off during the Mariel boat lift. This is when the neighborhood- watch in Grove Park was started, as well as, the Grove Park Homeowner's Association, in 1985. This association is still active today. Grove Park has recently been designated a National Historic Designation due to Theodora speaking at a SR836 Expressway expansion planning meeting where she pleaded with them to spare the historic neighborhood from future demise as it suffered in the 1960's. It was only because the State did the research on Grove Park that the Historic Designation has come to fruition.

In 1992, Theodora Long took on the task of Executive Director of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center after meeting Marjory and helping her on other projects. Her responsibilities include overseeing art and science programs, ensuring the inclusion of people with disabilities, and raising funds to support the facility and programs. She raised \$4 million dollars to build the facility now in Crandon Park. She was inspired to do this by going and visiting and reading to Marjory Stoneman Douglas while she was 100 to 108 years of age. It was Marjory's dream to have a Nature Center by the Sea for all to learn about their natural environment. She is still the Executive Director today. The County recognized Theodora's outstanding accomplishments with the prestigious "In the



## Theodora Long awarded 'Defender of the Everglades' for Nature Center work

by Hilard Grossman

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Theodora Long, a pioneer in the conservation of the Everglades, has been named "Defender of the Everglades" by the Nature Center for her work in the area of the historic home of Major William Douglas, the site for the Nature Center, which she founded, at Hatcher Park.

Long, who lived in the area from 1925 to 1997, was recognized for her work in the area of the historic home of Major William Douglas, the site for the Nature Center, which she founded, at Hatcher Park.

Philip Bushlan, president of the Nature Center, said Long's work was a "pioneering effort" in the area of the historic home of Major William Douglas, the site for the Nature Center, which she founded, at Hatcher Park.

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## Short film about life of Bill Baggs, wins Emmy Award for Nature Center's Theodora Long

By **Hillard Grossman**  
Special to Islander News

**T**heodora Long chuckled when asked if the recent double Emmy award for her short film, "The Life of Bill Baggs," made her feel somewhat like Mary Tyler Moore or Betty White, who, between

them, grabbed a dozen of the iconic gold statuettes.

"Not quite," she said, "but I do feel it's a huge accomplishment for me, kind of a stay-home mother who got involved in a lot of things. Winning an Emmy for just starting a story and taking the concept to film... It was my story to tell."

Long, the 32-year executive director of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center at the north end of Crandon Park, turned her first endeavor as an executive producer into double victories for editor and director Patrick and Anne Longstreth, the writers for the 27-minute documentary shown on

Miami's WLRN TV.

Awards were handed out during the recent 46th annual Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards gala at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando. Suncoast is a chapter of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The story of Bill Baggs

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## THEODORA LONG

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had, for many years, piqued Long's curiosity during her daily commutes to Key Biscayne to work at the park.

"I never met him," said Long, who lives in a historical house on the banks of the Miami River. "Why is his name part of this park? I always wondered. I didn't grow up in Miami, so I didn't know much about the background."

"Who is Bill Baggs? That's what led us wanting (to look further into his life)."

The film, based on the book, "A Nervous Man Shouldn't Be Here in the First Place: The Life of Bill Baggs," follows a nearly 13-year journey by writer Amy Paige Condon, a former Dade County resident now living in Savannah, Ga., who told the story of Baggs, one of the most influential newspaper columnists and editors during the mid-20th Century as he typed six columns a week for two decades, mostly in his Miami News office.

Baggs joined the paper in 1945 and three years later he became its leading news columnist. By 1957, he was the youngest newspaper editor in the nation, and made his mark in that role for 12

years before dying from pneumonia in January of 1969 at age 45.

A huge supporter of the local community and protecting the environment, Baggs helped convince Mrs. Elena Santeiro Garcia, widow of Cuban Sen. Jose Aleman, to come down on her price (from \$6 million to \$3 million) for the plot of land that is now the state park. He then had to persuade political heavyweights in Tallahassee to commit to the funding.

Baggs had written Mrs. Garcia a note in 1967, which read: "Long after you and I have left this old green planet, children and their parents who cannot afford the private clubs will find a healthy and economical pleasure on the lovely beach front which is to become the property of the people. — You can save it if you want to."

The park was named for Baggs in 1974.

Long said she marvels at how much Baggs accomplished in his short life, including his early years in Georgia as a Class Valedictorian, a football standout, and then volunteering for the U.S. Army Air Force, and serving as a bombardier over Europe, where he earned a Distinguished Flying Cross.

The film includes historic footage, dozens of newspaper

clippings from his 3,000 columns, and Condon's scenic tour of Miami -- areas that can be connected to Baggs' volume of work, and other areas that never got the chance to be preserved or enhanced due to his untimely death.

"He talked about good urban design, and how does it affect the guy down on Flagler Street?" Condon says in the film.

Baggs had a huge role in editorializing his political viewpoints -- even going to Vietnam twice -- to persuade leaders to halt the conflict (which resulted in both positive and negative acceptance). He once was partly responsible for getting Martin Luther King out of jail; he was a key to desegregating public schools in Miami; and he became such good friends with the Kennedy family, he even had a phone line in his home straight to the White House, his sons said.

According to reports, the now-defunct Miami News had a front row seat to the Cuban Revolution, Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Baggs provided the scoop on the Soviet Union's buildup of missile launch sites there, thanks to his friendship with President John F.

Kennedy.

The film was important for historical reasons, Long said, to educate those living on Key Biscayne and in Miami, and all of the visitors to the park from around the globe. And, to further honor a local champion of the community.

Long said she "provided the money to make it happen," hiring Condon (who was masterful in the narration) to tell the story, and also the Longstreths to write, edit and direct the film, which was shown at the Miami Film Festival and on PBS.

"I produce a lot of things (such as festivals) over the years, but this is my first film," said Long, who could not attend the awards presentation because it conflicted with the annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center Festival, a critical fundraiser.

The film, which took about six months to produce, was nominated for the honor in September.

"It was a lot of work, but we were delighted to receive the Emmy award," Long said.

Now, everyone should be able to answer the question in the film: *Who was Bill Baggs?*

## REAL HOUSEWIVES

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She and her husband, Todd, have owned 36 restaurants across the United Kingdom and the United States.

\* **Lisa Rinna**: Probably best known for her roles on "Days of Our Lives" and "Melrose Place," the "Beverly Hills Housewife" has become an instant superstar when it comes to TV sales of her Rinna Beauty cosmetic line, surpassing well over \$10 million since the fall of 2020.

\* **Kandi Burruss**: The longest-running "Housewife" will be appearing in her 15th season on the "Real Housewives of Atlanta." She is a Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter, actress, TV and Broadway producer, and her business ventures range from cosmetics to restaurants.

One of Custer's favorite offshoots of the franchise series has been the comedic act from Amy Phillips, who goes to great lengths to imitate some of the

stars who have become fan favorites.

So, what's the drawing card for viewers?

"Watching how someone else lives, people are always curious, especially when it's the opulent, aspirational (side)," Custer said. "Then, there's the added element of intrigue or drama, perhaps morbid sometimes, but no life, no matter how luxurious, is without its ups and downs. And people like to watch contention. That's what drama is about, and that's also what comedy is about."

"We really cannot avoid the desire for escapism. So many (women) are stuck at home, and they can relate (to the show). They want to get away mentally and that's what these shows offer them. It's not a negative side; the escapist side is entertainment."

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# Experience history at the Cape Florida Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage

By Bill Durham and Catherine Malirin Dunn

The beautiful artwork pictured here is by Danielle Perry. Special to Islander News

When John and Margaret Dubose and their five children landed on the southern tip of Key Biscayne on Dec. 13, 1825, they must have brought with them a sense of adventure. John Dubose had been appointed as the first keeper of the Cape Florida Lighthouse and the family took up residence in the four-room Keeper's Cottage. When they arrived, the cottage had only a dirt floor. Margaret would give birth to two more children while they lived there.

Because it would be several months before the federal government agreed to supply them with a boat, the Dubose family quickly learned to fend for themselves. Though they received some supplies from passing vessels, they obtained much of their food by fishing, hunting and raising a garden.

The original cottage was badly damaged in an 1835 hurricane. It was destroyed completely in an 1836 attack by the Seminole Indians, who were being driven from their homelands in northern Florida. The Dubose family was away at the time, on a rare trip to Key West. It would be 11 years before the lighthouse and cottage were rebuilt.

Though the Dubose family had wanted to return to Cape Florida, they eventually resettled in Texas instead.

Seven more keepers would tend the Cape Florida Lighthouse until it was decommissioned in 1878,

replaced by the offshore light at Fowey Rocks.

Today, the lighthouse and a replica of the Keeper's Cottage are open for visitors. The cottage that exists today was built in 1967 by the state of Florida in connection with the state's acquisition of the land that would later be named Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park.

On a recent Sunday morning, visitors from Miami Beach, Brooklyn, Denmark, France and Kazakhstan could be found touring the grounds. Each gave their own reasons for visiting the park - everything from wanting to take a bicycle ride, to searching for some quiet time with nature, to a desire to learn more about history. All of them, however, were glad they stopped at the lighthouse and cottage. As one visitor summed it up, "I had no idea this was such a cool place!"

The Keeper's Cottage is furnished with antiques and period clothing. Tucked inside is a modest gift shop, managed by Martha Kent and staffed by volunteers. "I like sharing the history of this space," says Martha. "Visitors react with so much curiosity."

The Keeper's Cottage Gift Shop was developed by Theo Long. Martha feels fortunate to have



gotten in at the beginning to help develop the idea and eventually manage the shop.

The shop sells a diverse collection of note cards, books, lighthouse-themed artwork, stickers, Seminole and Mikosukosee craft items, toys, and other merchandise.

Nancy Levitt Davis, president of Friends of Cape Florida, reports that proceeds from gift shop sales go to the organization and help support park projects. "Most recently we've enhanced tools for our volunteer programs and helped fund lighthouse grounds restoration work following a series of high-water storm events."

The Keeper's Cottage is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. Additional volunteers are needed to help staff the gift shop. "We rely on volunteers to keep the cottage and gift shop running," says Martha. "I really look forward to my weekly four-hour shift."

Two rocking chairs, a gift from the Key Biscayne American Legion Auxiliary and Friends of Cape Florida, were recently placed on the porch of the Keeper's Cottage as a tribute to former park manager Art Yerian and his wife, Liz. Visitors are welcome to sit in the chairs to take in the beautiful ocean views.

Volunteering at the cottage is a great way to help visitors learn about our island's history. Shift times are flexible and the unobstructed view of the ocean is spectacular. To find out more, contact the park's volunteer coordinator, Shane Zigler, at [shane.zigler@floridadep.gov](mailto:shane.zigler@floridadep.gov).



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I am Eileen Broton and am requesting consideration to serve as a resident member of the Miami River Commission. I have lived in the historic Spring Garden neighborhood since 1994. My life is deeply connected to the Miami River and my neighborhood. I have read extensively about the River and experienced much growth along its banks.

I have been an active member of our Spring Garden Civic Association for the past twenty-nine years. I have served as a member and organized tours and activities to promote Spring Garden and the Miami River, and as President, shepherded our portion of the greenway and dredging of the river and the Seybold Canal.

I have experience in working with the City of Miami and its partners. Starting in 2000 I served ten years on the Miami Bond Oversight Board, and was Vice-Chair for the last five of those years. That board was sunsetted. In 2017 until its sunseting in 2019 I served on the City of Miami Beautification Committee as the Miami Neighborhoods United representative.

I am reliable and dependable and seriously take my responsibilities to be prepared and actively participate and attend meetings and discussions. I have advanced college degrees and skilled in reading technical reports. I have recently retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs after forty-five years of dedicated service and can commit myself to the Miami River Commission. I am passionate about the Miami river and would be honored to serve.

Emmett Moore is a Miami-based artist and designer known for a technically rigorous interdisciplinary approach that challenges notions of functionality and fluctuates seamlessly between design and art examining our relationship with the built environment. Moore's work utilizes processes taken primarily from architecture and industrial design, working with found forms of everyday objects to speak to the universality and timelessness of the utilitarian and quotidian.

His work has been shown institutionally at the RISD Museum, the Frost Art Museum, the Miami Art Museum, the Bass Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami and is in the permanent collection of the Perez Art Museum Miami. He was the first Miami-based designer to exhibit a solo exhibition at Design Miami/. He is represented by Nina Johnson gallery in Miami, FL.

Moore's work has been covered by Art in America, The Guardian, The Miami Herald, Cultured Magazine, Architectural Digest, Artsy and The Art Newspaper among others. Moore was named Miami New Times' Best Visual Artist in 2015 and 2021.

Moore has worked as a designer/design consultant for The Standard Hotel, Rafael de Cárdenas / Architecture at Large, Design Miami/, Arquitectonica and Arquitectonica GEO. Moore is adjunct faculty at the Cushman School and helped develop tech curricula centered around 3d-modeling & 3d-printing.

Moore lives and works in building a single-family home he designed and built in collaboration with Arquitectonica in the Spring Garden Historic District on the Miami River. He is an active board member of the Dade Heritage Trust as well as the Spring Garden Civic Association.