

NEW WORLD CENTER

Back in the mid-1980s, Alvah H. Chapman, then-publisher of the Miami Herald and an iconic local leader and Greater Miami Chamber Board Chair, understood that with the expansion of Latin America as a global market and Asia beginning to show signs of becoming an economic powerhouse, Miami was geographically well placed to be the new center of the world. Alvah established the *New World Center Committee* and put much of that vision in place that shaped our urban core and led to the downtown we enjoy today. Now, 40 years later New World Center Committee works to address the big-picture issues that impact and shape the urban core of today and the next 40 years.

MISSION

Today's New World Center Committee members still focus on projects with catalytic influence on downtown projects in the public and private sectors, focusing on issues that include the challenges of affordability, workforce housing, homeless, traffic, sea level rise and more.

OBJECTIVES

- Guide the future growth of Downtown Miami for the next 40 years to not lose the gains made working with both public and private sectors and other partners active in this area, such as the DDA
- Celebrate Miami's central business core's growth and development and overall improvement of key areas within of Downtown Miami
- Promote and support up-and-coming urban nodes within the county that will provide best quality of life for residents and attract major business with a focus on new economy/tech sector businesses

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the New World Center Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns in this arena. Committee members include a broad range of professionals, real estate professionals, urban-based businesses, schools, incubators, and individuals, along with educational and civic organizations.

LEADERSHIP

The New World Center Committee is led by a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Committee Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the New World Center Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

GOALS 2022-2023

- Convene a meeting with the Chamber and past committee leadership, Miami Downtown Development Authority, and stakeholders to discuss the updating and expansion of a downtown masterplan.
- Host quarterly committee meetings and (2) events in the urban core/downtown area and provide networking opportunity.
 - Host annual Alvah H. Chapman Award of Excellence and grow it by 10% in attendance and net revenues
 - Partner with Technology & Innovation committee to host annual *Smart Cities* event.

- Grow New World Center Committee by 10 new company members.
- Participate on the Underdeck Park Taskforce and advance the creation of this outdoor community space.

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