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To: MVN Environmental;
cc: Sejo;
Subject: Please Help. Save Coconut Beach.
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Mr. Gib Owen,

I am writing you on behalf of Coconut Beach and as one of its faithful players. I been playing at Coconut Beach now for two years straight; 5 years off & on. I find that it is my place to go to relax and melt away all of my work and personal stresses.

I challenge the Army Corps of Engineers to figure out a way to allow the building of a new Pumping Station and Coconut Beach to peacefully coexist. From what I understand Coconut Beach will be used as staging grounds to build the new Pumping Station. With so much vacant land in the area I wonder why the Corps could not use another location. I think something could be worked out. Here are my suggestions and ideas:

Keeping Coconut Beach as is –

(1) The Corps could take over the parking area North of Coconut Beach (West End Park Parking Area). I am sure players would prefer this over having there complex eliminated. Players can find parking around the West End Park grounds.

(2) The Corps could take over West End Park itself. From my observations no one uses the Park, and to me (from what I remember) has become an eye soar compared to the way it was before Katrina. West End Park is not maintained as often as it should; so The Corps may be doing someone a favor taking over the Park. After the Pumps are complete the Park could be restored to its Pre-Katrina beauty.

(3) And a friend of mine mentioned that The Corps could also use barges as staging like a lot of construction companies do to build over or near water (i.e. Slidell Twin Spans).

Relocating Coconut Beach near by –

(1) The Corps, along with the City, could help move Coconut Beach to West End Park. As I mentioned previously, the Park does not seem to be maintained properly and relocating Coconut Beach to West End Park grounds could be a step in a positive direction, putting the Park to good use. With help from the Corps and its equipment this would probably not be too difficult a task. I know that there would be plenty of volunteers out there to help the Corps and the City if necessary, like there were after Katrina, to rebuild.

(2) Another relocation area could be the Wend End Park Parking Lot. The parking lot could be converted to make a wonderful complex. Again, players can find their parking around West End Park itself, or a part of West End Park could be converted into parking for the complex.

I recently purchased a home in Lakeview and one of the positive things about living in the neighborhood is being so close to Coconut Beach. I would be able to bike ride, jog or walk to my games at the Complex. Please help us keep Coconut Beach alive, let's coexist. If you need anything from me let me know.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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