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good stuff Ben... good stuff...

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Subject: Re: Save Coconut Beach

great letter Ben! im all for pump to the river myself. u familiar w/it? pump to the river is considered a "drainage" solution and this station is considered flood protection. we need both. the corp argument is: they wont do it, two different projects two monies, their project is flood protection only. asinine f'ed up stuff, huh?

i think the canals should be filled in.

keep up the campaign. great stuff!

On Thu, May 14, 2009 at 2:38 PM, <CLAASSEN@aol.com> wrote:

Wendy et al,

lots of other space-- are the apartments nearest to the beach redone? see map in file

my concerns----------

Dear Army Corps Project Manager for 17th Street Canal Pumps,

I have tried to understand the goals and projects that the Corps is doing to protect the city of New Orleans from levee breaks and save the destruction by flooding, which unfortunately has already occurred.

As one of many citizens who have no confidence in the analysis and solutions in the Corps plans, I am also at a loss to understand the option to add pumps where a viable sand volleyball complex is thriving.

Please sharpen your pencils, adjust your calculations and do not acquire ANY of the volleyball complex that Bruce White has worked so hard to bring back.

Outstanding questions:

Why did the quick fix pumps right by the bridge go in, in the first place?
Quick, a knee jerk reaction to flooding when it was too late, (after the flood) with the only value being to cover the very low risk chance of Katrina 2 striking the levees within the next three years?

How is it that the pumping capacity is not additive so that the same pumps should remain with parallel of series pumping additions to either add higher volume or higher lift, respectively?

In the site plan, why are the locations closest to the present pumps not preferable to the sand volleyball complex?

What citizen value of the sand volleyball complex is being used in the

economic evaluation?

Ben Claassen,

Citizen of Mid City and volleyball player for 30 plus years

In a message dated 5/14/2009 7:52:00 A.M. Central Daylight Time, wendyaadams@gmail.com writes:

Dear Mr Owen,

My name is Wendy Adams, and I am a member of the Coconut Beach volleyball community. I'm from New Orleans, lost my home in Lakeview during Katrina, and I would not still be here today if it weren't for Coconut Beach Volleyball Complex.

Coconut Beach isn't just about volleyball, although many of us are volleyball fanatics...and I happen to be one of them. Its a fantastic sport, an activity that will provide a means to good physical fitness, but also the perfect pastime, a great alternative to sitting in front of the television at night after work or socializing in a smokey bar room.

Coconut Beach is about friends and family, and truly the heart and soul of what New Orleans is to me. I've played out there for ten years now. I started on net 18, the lowest of the beginner nets, on Tuesday nights with a team from my office, right after my divorce in 1999. I loved it so much...the game, being outside, and the wonderful people. I wanted to become better at volleyball and would hang around after games playing pickup w/ the others who couldn't get enough of the outdoors and the fun of the atmosphere. I signed up on a draft team and made the first of many good friends. Over the years we have worked our way up to the advanced level nets, and improving our volleyball but more importantly developing the type of friendships that can only be likened to family. For years now, season after season, we see each other several nights a week for hours on end. We spend holidays together, enjoy all the local festivals en masse, vacation together, and never miss birthdays. We are professionals and students, single and married, aged 18 thru to and past 60. Some of us are born and raised here, some came down for school or work and fell in love with the city, but we're all Naturally Nawlins.

When Katrina hit many of us were scattered across the country, but those of us who returned home came back to Coconut and helped get the courts up and running. While each of use was working to piece our lives back together, reuniting with friends was most important. We started playing volleyball again, traveling each night through the devastated streets of Lakeview. Returning to Coconut brought a sense of normalcy and means of escape at a time when life was so surreal.

After Katrina, the question on everyones minds, the question we

were asked by the nation and the question we all had to ask ourselves was, "Why stay?" The answer was the same for many: the food, the music, the architecture, the culture, the people...always the people.

Anyone still living in New Orleans despite the obvious hardships clearly has a fondness and appreciation for the city. Everyone in the region is expectant and deserving of the best flood protection the Corp can provide. We all believe the effort to safeguard people and property is the first priority for the city, but surely there must be a way Coconut Beach and the new pump can coexist at West End Beach. There are so many who would be devastated if we lost Coconut Beach. It is not worth the effort to struggle in an environment, to work and plan to ensure the survival and longevity of the region, if the very element we wish to preserve is destroyed in the process.

We are are the people who chose to stay in New Orleans, and Coconut Beach is a part of our lives and our hearts. We've dug our heals in and we are rebuilding. We have dug our heals in the sand and we are home.

-Wendy Adams

On Thu, May 14, 2009 at 6:24 AM, <agreenbaum@ups.com> wrote:

Mr. Owen,

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, the city of New Orleans and its neighboring cities suffered a substantial loss at the hands of Katrina. In the years since Katrina we have seen the landscape of the area change. The storm forced the city's residents to make the life-altering decision of returning to rebuild, or forge on to 'higher ground' and start over. In either case, a loss was felt. In reality, the loss each person felt following Katrina was really relative to their specific situation. Whether that loss be a friend that moved away, the closure of a favorite restaurant, the house you grew up in, the home you lived in, or a loved one, we all felt a loss. The sad thing is that there is no way to tell the physical and emotional toll this has taken on the all of those affected by Katrina. In addition to having to rebuild our lives and (in many cases) homes, we also had to manage those intangible losses. In many ways, it is those intangible things that get us through the hard times. However, it is those same intangible things that some people appear to be taking for granted.

Coconut Beach is very much one of these intangible things. To the outsider, it is just a volleyball complex, nothing more. So, to rid New Orleans of Coconut Beach is, in the eyes of an outsider, to simply do way with a volleyball complex. However, Coconut Beach is so much more than just a volleyball complex. For me, and so many of us, it has been part of the fabric of our lives for 20 plus years. It is the bar & grill where we go to meet our friends. It is our gym. It is that one safe place where our children can run and play without worry. It is where many

met their spouse. Most importantly, it is our escape. Whether that is an escape from work, personal battles, or the stress of the past 4 years, Coconut Beach is, and has been, that place for thousands of people for a long time. If asked, many would tell you they were there to rebuild Coconut before their home. However, if there is any question as to what Coconut means to its legions of supporters, I invite you to visit the bar and peruse the years and years of pictures on display. In effect, you are walking into a lot of homes and telling them to find a new place to live.

Outside of the personal importance Coconut has to so many, I do not think we can dismiss it's economic impact. At this time, it is the only anchor to what was once a thriving area of the city. Its existence will determine if we ever again see the restaurant business return to the West End area. Additionally, we are receiving greater exposure nationally for what we have done, which only boosts the city's image to the outside world. We are also seeing more sponsored tournaments, which will bring people into the city to play, watch, and support. Again, it may be easy to dismiss Coconut as just a volleyball complex, but for us it is clearly a growing entity benefitting its city.

As you will see in the coming days and weeks through e-mail, phone calls, & news stories, the city and its residents DO NOT want Coconut to go away. On a personal note, it saddens me that this is even an issue. On any given night of the week you can go to Coconut to see just what it means. Having just welcomed a son into the world, it was my hope that I would one day be able to share the love of the sport with him. To be able to only tell him stories of what was, will be another in a long line of losses the Corps brought upon us. I implore you to engineer another solution that will allow Coconut to continue to thrive.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Save Coconut Beach

Does anybody know Frank Davis?!?! It would be great to get him out there to do a story Thursday or Friday night.

On Wed, May 13, 2009 at 2:18 PM, kujomo <kujomo@gmail.com<mailto:kujomo@gmail.com>> wrote:

Likewise. I am also working contacts on facebook and myspace.

Joe

On Wed, May 13, 2009 at 2:16 PM, Melanie Roy

<melanieroy1@gmail.com<mailto:melanieroy1@gmail.com>> wrote:

I emailed mine a minute ago and I hope all you guys make sure we are heard!!! Mel

On Wed, May 13, 2009 at 1:55 PM, Carlos Pasos <cmpasos@cox.net<mailto:cmpasos@cox.net>> wrote:

I apologize if some of you get this message more than once, but it's just that important. feel free to cut and paste

Thanks

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Dear Mr Owen

I'm writing you this email in the hopes that you understand what Coconut Beach means to me and the community.

18 years ago, the first time I put my feet in the this complex, I didn't know myself what that was going to mean for the rest of my life. Coconut beach became a place where I have meet most of my friends where some of my friends have met and formed their Families and where now all of our children play together. Coconut Beach closes a gap between people of all backgrounds in our community and where families can trust their kids will be in a safe environment. Through out many years Coconut Beach has is an outlet where people can stay fit and develop good habits, where people develop relationships, where we all can feel good about ourselves and our community.

After Katrina Coconut Beach was rebuilt with the help of many of its life long members and supporters because it's right, because it was missing because it was needed. Katrina brought a lot of pain and dark times for many; Coconut Beach did the opposite, it has reunited a large part of our community and that number just like before keeps growing, loosing our complex would be nothing short of Katrina magnitude, it would tear our Coconut Beach Family apart, it would live a whole where normalcy and sense of community and belonging once was.

Loosing our complex would break many hearts and would send the wrong message about what is important in our community by ripping away even more than Katrina. Many feel the message from our government after Katrina was, we don't care, some still feel that way after loosing it all, certainly the circumstances of the failures in the levee and canal breaches, the slow response time for help don't help this sentiment. Don't allow another wrong to happen, don't allow a positive in

our lives, in our city, in our future to be ripped away.

Mr Owen save our Coconut Beach, save this big part of our lives and our community.

Thanks

The Pasos Family

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On May 13, 2009, at 11:33 AM, Wendy Adams wrote:

This is an effort to bombard the USACE with emails TODAY.

The May 2009 plans for the Pumping station at the 17th Street Canal have been released and Coconut Beach will definitely be impacted. Coconut Beach may soon be closed for good if we don't act in unison now. We all believe flood protection is the first priority for the city but there must be a way Coconut Beach and the new pump can coexist at West End Beach.

We have learned that the support Coconut Beach received from the over two hundred volleyball players who attended the meeting at St Paul's last spring went over very well. Our efforts were successful, as the ACE and the city had no idea we were here in such a large capacity. Please take a break at lunchtime or a quick moment in your day to send Gib Owen of the ACE an email about what Coconut Beach means to you.

The May ACE report indicates that II Tony's Restaurant has some 2,300 emails regarding public support, and Coconut Beach has only 4. We hope to blow them away by the end of the day. Please help make it happen.

Please also forward your emails to friends, family, and anyone who could possibly help with our cause.

Thank you,

Wendy

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Bruce has also announced that the local television news stations will be out at Coconut tonight around 7pm.
Please come out to show your support if you can.

Attached is additional information that you will need to contact Gib Owen.

I talked with Gib Owen on Monday. Gib Owen is the project manager for the
pumping station at the 17th canal for the Corp of Engineers

The land that Mike's office, the bar and all of the complex is in a Permanent Acquisition Zone.

Mr. Owen advised me that 10% to 100% of Coconut Beach would be used in the
New Pumping Station.

Gib Owen has told us that the Corps know the value of the Mickey Retif
Sports Complex and Coconut Beach. I need all players and friends of the
Beach to contact Mr. Owen at the following E-mail and Phone number and
please tell him how important the complex is to you.

Gib Owen E-mail address and Phone Number

mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil<mailto: mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil>. 504-862-1337

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mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil<mailto:mvnenvironmental@usace.army.mil>.

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-The Orleans Parish Pump Station Environmental Assessment (EA) # 474 and

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (DFONSI) #474 are out for public

review. The public review periods extend from 17 April 2009 to 16 May

2009. http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov/OrleansEA.aspx

Thanks for your support.

HELP SAVE COCONUT BEACH

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Bruce

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