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My name is Mark Maggio, I used to play on the trees in the back of Nipsy Curtis playground as a kid as my parents played cabbage ball on its fields. As I began to get old enough to play cabbage ball with my parents, I did. I used to love playing at Nipsy Curtis. Not only could I now play cabbage ball with my parents but also there were some great trees in the back that were a blast to climb. One day the trees in the back of the playground were cut down. Next thing you know there was beach volleyball in the back of the playground. I gave it a shot and enjoyed playing. I played out there as much as I could. My friends and I had a place to go play games. In 1990, I was 15 years old. One of the guys in charge of Coconut Beach (Mike Drury) offered me work helping him around the complex cleaning garbage cans and doing small jobs with him. I jumped at the opportunity to work at the place I loved. Soon after that Bruce White told me that if I did a good job for Mike there was a good chance I could get a job out there refereeing. Sure enough, somewhere between 92 and 93 Bruce offered me a job as a Referee. I've been working at the complex ever since. I've worked for both Mike Drury and Bruce White. I've watched Coconut=2 0beach grow from nothing into the thriving part of the community it is today. I believe this is a great place for both young and old to play. Such a place has countless ways of helping people out. PLEASE find your way to do whatever you can to help Coconut Beach and the pumping station co-exist. If you do have to take the land for the benefit of the city, please help coconut beach do what they need to do in order to still exist. Please don't just take the land and leave Mike Drury and Bruce White out to dry after all the hard work and money they've put in making Coconut Beach The Wonderful place it is today.

Thanks,
Mark Maggio

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