From: Maudel Warden
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Saving Cocnut Beach
Date: Friday, May 15, 2009 3:27:58 PM

Mr. Gib Owen:

My name is Maudel Warden; I am a Native of New Orleans (born and raised) and a mother of 2 beautiful daughters (7 & 4). We are, I guess what you would call "Regulars" at Coconut Beach. My daughters love to play in the sand and practice their serve (so that they can play on a team when they get big) and I love to visit with friends and family while getting out of the house and being active. It is REALLY nice to have a place to go on Friday night to socialize with my friends in a fun active enviroment and I can brings my girls and they get to play and socialize with their friends and more than likely meet some new friends.

I understand that flood protection takes absolute precedent, furthermore, I understand that if it is determined the land where Coconut Beach currently resides MUST be utilized in order to properly protect the people of our city and surrounding areas, then it must be done. What I do not understand is that I am hearing there will be NO COMPENSATION to relocate the facilities... Is this true? How is that even legally possible?
[Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated. You hear so many rumors and I would like to hear the answer directly from the Corps.]
It is also my understanding that if Coconut Beach receives compensation to relocate they would do so in one of the MANY desert areas along West End in New Orleans where they belong!

Coconut Beach is a THRIVING business in an area that has been deserted since Katrina (4 years). It is a place where FAMILIES come together to play sports, to be active, to socialize. Children play in the sand and with extra volleyballs while there parents/family members enjoy socializing with their friends in a heathly enviroment, being outside and active as opposed to being in the bars on Bourbon Street or the many other venues available in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

PLEASE, I know that if we all work together and be fair to ALL parties concerned, we will find a way to properly protect our people AND save Coconut Beach

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

Maudel Warden

Hotmail® goes with you. Get it on your BlackBerry or iPhone. <http://windowslive.com/Tutorial/Hotmail/Mobile?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_HM_Tutorial_Mobile1_052009>