From: Christopher Reade
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: FW: Save Coconut Beach - yes me too!
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2009 9:08:49 AM

Mr. Owen:

I'm not sure that I can say my peace about this issue better than Kristie did. Pre and Post Katrina Coconut Beach is a central part of our social lives - the tie that binds us together in many ways. While I and many others can appreciate that the land for the complex may be needed for the pumping station, it seems only fair that the Corps help move the facility to land nearby that won't be in danger of being expropriated in the future (the neutral ground by the Yacht Club for example). In any case, it is critical to many thousands of citizens mental and physical well being that they have a place to get out and exercise and I am sure that you can find a way to help make that happen.

Thank you,
Chris Reade

From: Kristie Palermo [travelingnolagirl@gmail.com]
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Hi Mr. Owen,
I know you have recieved many emails about saving Coconut Beach and so I will keep mine fairly brief.
I've played at Coconut Beach for almost 10 years now and it is truly one of the main reasons I still live in New Orleans. About 5 years ago I had the chance to move away but because of the friendships/family I developed at Coconut Beach, I am deeply rooted in New Orleans. Our 'Tribe' as we like to call it, started out 10 years ago as a group of fun singles looking for something positive and healthy to do with our time. We began playing together and formed friendships and even began volunteering locally together. Our group, of over 40 would meet up to volunteer by helping clean schools and playgrounds, painting houses and mentoring kids and then we'd head over to Coconut to play some pickup volleyball. We found each other at volleyball and as a result we encouraged each other to be better people and better citizens of New Orleans - an impact that can

not be measured.

This group is now mostly married, many have children and our dynamincs have changed but we still meet up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays to play volleyball, talk about our lives and the city we love.

I can't quite express how glad I am that I decided to stay in New Orleans. I have an amazing life filled with a family of friends that keep me going every day and really it all started with Coconut Beach. I was one of the ones cleaning up Coconut Beach after Katrina so that myslef and my friends would have an outlet to release some of the stress of the aftermath and I would do it again if needed.

Please consider this note and all of the other emails in your decision to locate the new pumping station.
Thanks for your time Mr Owen,

Kristie Palermo
New Orleanian & Coconut Beach Volleyballer