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Subject: Beach walk

Lisa:

I would like to meet you at the Beach Walk where it will tie into the Boardwalk at 23rd Street. Did no one work on any coordination effort for this? Who approved the disaster I see being built?

It needs to be much simpler. Eliminate the steps up to the boardwalk from the Roney/Gansevoort at 23rd Street in favor of on grade access from their property to the new beach access being provided by the W hotel from 23rd Street through to the new beach walk. Eliminate the steps down from the board walk to the beach at 23rd Street and tie in a sand grade path to the new beach walk and new 23rd Street access being built. Make it a mini feature plaza with everything connecting together at grade. Look at the lovely model in the W sales office and follow it.

The ramp up from the beach walk should be EXACTLY as the one that was provided at 21st Street for the last several years transitioning between the 2 levels. To do this, the ramp will have to be located further toward 24th Street. To accomplish this, that section between 23rd and 24th on the Boardwalk will have to be closed during this final construction but that is really the only true way to do this project.

Anything else would show very poor coordination on behalf of the City for=2 0this project. The W has done everything they can. It is up to you to work out the final details with the access for the Roney without residents and tourist suffering with a second rate boardwalk- beach walk connection. As I currently see it, I can't imagine it passing any inspection that would be required.

PLEASE review. What I see is a catastrophe in the making. If you are not the right person, please point me in the right direction. I hate to see money being wasted.

Thank you,

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