

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Meeting of the Families Advisory Council
Meeting Summary
Thursday, May 2nd, 2002
Held at the Offices of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton
One Liberty Plaza
LMDC Board Members: Lew Eisenberg and Deborah Wright

LMDC Board Members Lew Eisenberg and Deborah Wright made welcoming remarks. Each member of the Advisory Council and ex-officio members introduced themselves for the record.

Lew Eisenberg then introduced a representative from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to briefly explain the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was recently released by the LMDC and the Port Authority. The Port Authority representative explained that the RFP calls for the services of expert professional consultants to provide a comprehensive urban planning and transportation study of Lower Manhattan, with a special emphasis on the development options of the World Trade Center site and adjacent areas. The Port Authority went on to say that this RFP will allow the Port Authority and the LMDC to hire a team of professionals, who using their design and technical skills, will create a menu of options and ideas that can enable the LMDC/Port Authority to begin a meaningful dialogue with the Families and the public at large regarding the possibilities for Lower Manhattan. The Port Authority went through the timeline for the selection of the consultants. The Families asked specific questions regarding the timeline and general process for selecting the consultants.

The Families had several questions regarding the purpose of the RFP and the timeline for its implementation. Many had concerns that the timeline was too aggressive and that it should be extended. There were also concerns regarding the public review that will occur between each of the phases. The Families emphasized the need for public input and involvement throughout all phases. The LMDC and the Port Authority assured the Families that their input, along with the input of other stakeholders and the general public will be taken into account and the public will be provided significant opportunity to comment and provide input. An Advisory Council member raised the issue of environmental laws/regulations and the need to ensure that they are

appropriately adhered to. There was also a suggestion to add security consultants to the list of consultants found in the RFP. Members of the 911 Coalition then presented the LMDC with some comments on the RFP that they would like considered.

Andrew Winters from the LMDC then began the discussion of the Draft Principles and Preliminary Blueprint that was released for public discussion at the April 9th LMDC Board meeting. Mr. Winters gave an overview of the documents and explained to the Advisory Council members that this was a draft of possible options that may be looked at and evaluated as part of the planning process. Mr. Winters responded to questions from the Advisory Council members and encouraged the Council to submit comments. Mr. Winters indicated that input is being solicited and received from the LMDC Advisory Councils, Community Board 1, elected officials and civic and planning groups. Mr. Eisenberg also indicated there would be a public hearing in Lower Manhattan to solicit even further comment and the deadline for commenting on the Draft Principles and Preliminary Blueprint is May 27th. Mr. Eisenberg thanked the members of the Advisory Council that had submitted comments and suggestions at the last meeting, and encouraged the remainder to do so.

Mr. Eisenberg provided the Advisory Council with a further update on 7 World Trade Center and mentioned that representatives from Larry Silverstein's office will be presenting the project to Community Board 1. Mr. Eisenberg also indicated that site preparation work was likely to begin shortly.

Mr. Eisenberg and Ms. Wright indicated the group would be meeting within the next couple of weeks to further discuss the RFP and the process that will take place.

Mr. Eisenberg and Ms. Wright thanked all the members for attending and the meeting adjourned.