

**Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Meeting of the Families Advisory Council
May 29th, 2002**

One Liberty Plaza

4:30pm – 6:30pm

LMDC Board Members: Lew Eisenberg, Deborah Wright & Tom Johnson

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) Board Members, Family Members and ex-officio members introduced themselves for the record. This being the evening before the end of recovery work at the site, the Advisory Council took a moment of silence to pay homage to the family members during this difficult time.

After LMDC's newest Board member, Tom Johnson introduced himself to the Families and gave some welcoming remarks the meeting commenced. With the welcoming remarks and introduction concluded, the Family members were provided with general updates.

Family members were informed that the Family Room would be made available Thursday, May 30th, the day of the closing ceremony, should the Families chose to watch the closing ceremony from One Liberty Plaza. LMDC representatives indicated the adjacent room would be made available should the Family Room fill to capacity. To ensure their ability to view the closing ceremony, Family members were encouraged to come to the Family Room at least one hour prior the start of the ceremony – which is scheduled to begin at 10am. The Families expressed appreciation for the support that the LMDC has given them

Frank Lombardi from the Port Authority then presented the Families with the option of using one of the existing sheds on Liberty Street. The goal is for these sheds to provide Family members a private area away from the general public from which to view the site. The shed would be made available for the family members to view the site as the planning process moves forward. The Families were supportive of the idea and asked several operational questions about

hours of operation, availability of bathrooms, and when the sheds would be available. Mr. Lombardi indicated that operational details were being worked out and he hoped to have the area available to the Families in several weeks.

Family members were informed that May 30th marked the beginning of a 30-day transitional period before the Port Authority takes over jurisdiction of the site. Family members discussed the possibility of posting a 24 hour 7 day a week permanent color guard at the World Trade Center site. It was suggested that such a guard consist of New York law enforcement, the NYFD, National Guard etc.

In addition, the Family members were informed that on June 4th, the Empire State Development Corporation would be conducting a public hearing on 7 World Trade Center at St. John's University, 101 Murray Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the public about activity on the site, discuss location and environmental impact of the project, and lastly give the public and all stakeholders an opportunity to provide their input on the General Project Plan.

At the last meeting, the Families expressed a strong interest in meeting the consultants who were selected by the LMDC and the Port Authority. As a result, representatives from both Beyer Blinder Belle and Parson's Brinkerhoff were invited to attend today's meeting. Beyer, Blinder, Belle and Parsons Brinkerhoff will be supporting the Port Authority and the LMDC to develop site options, and will be assisting the Port Authority and the LMDC with analysis of the transportation infrastructure and developing transportation options.

Jack Beyer, from Beyer Blinder Belle, introduced himself and spoke briefly about his work experience and described his belief that the key to developing successful plans is *listening*. A Port Authority representative briefly described the process for selecting the consultants, their role, which is to assist the LMDC and the Port Authority, and spoke on the joint public process and timeline released by the LMDC and the Port Authority. The Families expressed concerns regarding the timeline and the need to make certain enough public input is received throughout the process. Specific concerns were expressed surrounding receiving input from the families in September and their overall role in the process. LMDC representatives assured the Families that along with the other stakeholders, the families will continue to have input as planning options are being developed, as well as after the plans are released.

With respect to site planning, the Families expressed an interest in learning what the requirements are for the site. For example, transportation is a key component of the planning process, as a result the Families wanted to receive more information pertaining to the types of constraints transportation needs pose on planning options. One Family member requested that a future meeting with the LMDC and Port Authority be scheduled to discuss how a building is built – so Family members have a better understanding of the overall process. There was a general consensus that erecting *safe* buildings be an overriding concern over the height of any new office buildings on the site.

With the general updates concluded, LMDC Board members indicated they would like to begin discussing a memorial process and ideas for a memorial. The Family Advisory Council was broken down into two committees – The Process Sub-Committee and the Program Sub-

Committee. These subcommittees are scheduled to meet June 5th to begin discussions. To aid discussions copies of the mission statement for the Oklahoma City Memorial and New York/New Visions' recent publication describing the memorial process were provided to the Advisory Council

The Process sub-committee's goal is to make recommendations to the LMDC for a memorial process and the Program sub-committee will make recommendations on themes, messages they would like the memorial to convey/evoke.

After announcing the next meeting date as June 25th, Mr. Eisenberg, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Wright thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.