

Anthoula Katsimatides, Assistant Vice-President for Family Relations for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) provided opening remarks and welcomed the members of the Family Advisory Committee (FAC). Ms. Katsimatides then introduced Anita Contini, Vice-President and Director for Memorial, Cultural, and Civic Programs for LMDC.

Ms. Contini introduced Jeff Howard and Tracy Revis of Howard and Revis Design, who will be working on the interpretive plan for the Memorial Center; Jan Ramirez who will be working with Howard and Revis Design; Catherine Tanner, Heather Maximea, Claudia Polley, Brad King, and Mira Goldfarb from Lord, the institutional planner for the Memorial Center.

Anne Papageorge, Memorial Design Director for Memorial, Cultural, and Civic Development for LMDC, introduced the consultant design teams of Davis Brody Bond and Craig Dykers of Snohetta. Ms. Papageorge explained the importance of coordination between the team working on the infrastructure of the Memorial center and all the systems work to the Memorial Center below-grade design and Snohetta, the team working on the museum complex building, which is above-grade on the plaza, for a consistent approach and design between the two.

Leslie Davol, Vice President for Memorial, Cultural, and Civic Programs for LMDC, said that Howard and Revis and Lord will be working together to develop some initial concepts of the content and scope of the Memorial Center over the next six months.

Ms. Katsimatides asked that those in attendance introduce themselves and then asked Ms. Revis and Mr. Howard to begin their presentation. Ms. Katsimatides provided the attendees with copies of the suggestions and guidelines of the Memorial Center Advisory Committee. Ms. Revis and Mr. Howard presented their interpretive planning process. They pointed out that they have seen the suggestions and guidelines of the Memorial Center Advisory Committee and the public comments received during this process, and have experienced the Family Room. Family members noted that the Memorial Center should illustrate the immensity of the tragedy to be authentic.

Ms. Katsimatides then opened the floor for comments and questions.

Family members expressed interest in the following: having the damaged sphere placed above ground, having what happened during the nine months of recovery reflected, showing the effects felt by those outside of New York, representing people from a broad spectrum including those of other nationalities, organizing the exhibit in relation to the events of the day of September 11, that the story of each individual be represented-not only names but backgrounds- and at least one level of the museum or the Memorial Center be above ground to distinguish the memorial, that the tridents used to adorn the towers be incorporated into the Memorial Center building, that people understand the overwhelming nature of what happened that day and the hope that came from the outpouring of support, that the evil of the terrorists be exposed, that transcripts of meetings that occurred after 9/11 be part of historical archives, that so many young peoples' lives were taken, that that 9/11 Commission's findings be made a part of the Museum, the government's response and inadequacies be included in the museum, that what happened on the planes that morning be included, whether 911 calls should be included, that people leave the museum thinking "this should never happen again," that people have the opportunity to sign a registry, that the stories of others involved including rescue workers be expressed at the museum, that families have the right to decide what is included, that the fliers/missing posters of the victims be included in the museum, whether these identifiers should be part of the memorial itself or included in the Memorial Center, that the misunderstanding and misinformation be included as part of the history of the day and the weeks following.

Ms. Katsimatides offered Ms. Revis the chance to speak and said that family members will have opportunities in the future to speak with Ms. Revis and Mr. Howard about ideas and suggestions with for the Memorial Center.

A family member noted that the events of 1993 will be included in the Memorial Center as well as the events of September 11, 2001 in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington as per the suggestions and guidelines of the Memorial Center Advisory Committee.

Mr. Howard addressed the family room and whether its contents would be made available to the public or if it would be a private part of the Memorial.

A family member emphasized the importance of expressing the facts of what happened on that day and how they are passed to future generations.

Ms. Katsimatides thanked the attendees of the meeting for sharing their thoughts, offered to take any future ideas and suggestions, and closed the meeting.