

**Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Joint Meeting of the Residents and
Restaurants, Retailers & Small Business Advisory Councils
Tuesday, July 23, 2002
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Held in the Offices of the Alliance for Downtown New York
120 Broadway, New York City
LMDC Board Members - Roland Betts, Paul Crotty,
Robert Harding, Sally Hernandez Pinero, Madelyn Wils**

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) Board Members Roland Betts, Bob Harding, and Madelyn Wils opened the meeting and gave welcoming remarks. LMDC Board Member Carl Weisbrod was also in attendance. Mr. Harding then asked members and ex-officio members of the Residents Advisory Council and Restaurants, Retailers & Small Business Advisory Council to introduce themselves.

After the introduction, Mr. Harding updated the members on some recent events. The six concept plans for the WTC site were formally announced on July 16 at Federal Hall. On the same day, the LMDC and the Port Authority (PA) held a briefing of the concept plans at Pace University for advisory council members, civic groups, elected representatives, and government officials. Furthermore, the LMDC had reorganized its web site – making it more interactive and user-friendly. Finally, it was noted that Ms. Anita Contini had been appointed as the LMDC staff Director to coordinate the memorial efforts.

Mr. Harding informed the members that “*Listening to the City*” was held on 7/20, and over 5,000 people were in attendance. A second “*Listening to the City*” was also held on 7/22, for those who could not attend the 7/20 event. There were approximately 200 participants there. The people were able to directly participate in the process and the feedback that the LMDC had been receiving will be invaluable for the planning efforts. LMDC will hold other public

meetings throughout the City and in Lower Manhattan. In addition, the LMDC Advisory Councils will continue to gather ideas and feedback.

Alex Garvin from the LMDC then told the members that the six concept plans were not rigid, and based on public input features from them could be refined and recombined with one another to produce new plans. There are also common features to all six plans such as new open spaces and a transit hub. Ron Pisapia from the PA spoke briefly about the on-site program. He noted that the approach to the memorial was the first consideration in the development of the concept plans. Mr. Pisapia also pointed out that the concept plans needed to take into consideration the existing contractual obligations at the WTC site.

Rob Eisenstat from the PA did a presentation on some of the proposed transportation projects. Mr. Eisenstat spoke on restoration of PATH and subway trains, the Fulton Street Transit Complex, and connecting the WFC to the WTC site. Then Mr. Garvin briefly addressed the six concept plans. He remarked that that there seemed to be a broad consensus emerging with respect to creating a skyline element and depressing West Street.

Subsequently, the Council members went into discussion. Some responses from the members include: performing a sewer and traffic study on the feasibility of depressing West Street; incorporating Chinatown concerns in the planning (particularly those on transportation); taking into account the needs of retailers; considering greenmarkets; creating more recreational spaces; attracting cultural type stores; exploring ferries as a downtown transportation option; renegotiating the PA contracts; designing the Fulton Concourse to move goods as well as people; and creating an overall sense of place and memory at the site.

Having covered all items on the agenda, Mr. Harding adjourned the meeting.