



FAMILIES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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Anthoula Katsimatides, Assistant Vice President for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation's (LMDC's) Government Relations & Community Affairs department provided opening remarks and welcomed members of the Families Advisory Council (FAC) in attendance. In response to requests made at the previous FAC meeting, the LMDC has agreed to hold informational meetings on a more regular basis. Ms. Katsimatides informed Council Members that Greg Trevor, Public Information Officer and Lou Menno Program Director, PATH Restoration, for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ) were present to answer any questions during the meeting. After the introductions were completed, Ms. Katsimatides opened the floor to Kevin Rampe, President of the LMDC.

Mr. Rampe informed Council Members that the LMDC is moving forward with the drafting of design guidelines for commercial development on the site. The FAC will meet sometime in November after the draft guidelines are completed. Mr. Rampe also informed Council Members that the redefined WTC site plan has not changed since their last meeting. The LMDC is working with Deutsche Bank and the PANYNJ to acquire the Deutsche Bank and Milstein properties so that commercial space and underground infrastructure can be shifted south of the World Trade Center site. The LMDC is also working with Battery Park City (BPC) and PANYNJ on design options for a Memorial tour bus garage at Site 2.

With respect to the memorial process, Mr. Rampe stated the jury is expected to make an announcement in the next couple of weeks regarding the finalists. The FAC will be provided an opportunity to view the designs of the finalists before they are publicly released. The Draft GEIS is expected to be completed by this December. Mr. Rampe expressed his desire to give the FAC full disclosure on any issues regarding the site before they learn of anything through the press. As things stand now, the only major issue that is currently in dispute is whether or not Vesey Street will be a one-way or two-way street.

The LMDC is now going through proposals from cultural entities who would like to be housed on site. Staff from the DCA (Department of Cultural Affairs) and the New York State Council on the Arts

are going through the matrix of proposals to understand whether they are viable structures, how to analyze the proposals etc. The LMDC will plan an all Advisory Council meeting to hear all stakeholder views on what cultural institutions would be appropriate on site. Once the LMDC has something more substantial for review, it will set up a FAC meeting to go into more detail about the proposals and learn about what the families feel are appropriate ideas for the site.

With the LMDC's general updates completed, Mr. Rampe gave the floor to Greg Trevor to give the PANYNJ's report on the status of the temporary PATH terminal.

Mr. Trevor informed Council Members that the temporary PATH terminal is moving ahead of schedule and is expected to open sometime this November.

Mr. Trevor called Council Member's attention to the PATH update which was distributed to them at the beginning of the meeting. In it, the PANYNJ re-emphasized its continued commitment to respecting the footprints of the Twin Towers. To that end, as Mr. Rampe mentioned earlier, the PANYNJ is working with the LMDC to ensure there is no retail or commercial development on the footprints and is working to identify alternative sites for commercial space and underground infrastructure as well as off-site alternatives for the parking of memorial tour buses. With the PANYNJ update completed, the floor was opened to Advisory Council members for questions.

One family member requested the LMDC and Mr. Libeskind keep Battery Park City's building guidelines in mind when drafting its guidelines to ensure that whatever gets built on the site meshes with the neighboring residential area as much as possible. The completed guidelines should include items such as signage, building codes, sustainability and green building. Following this the family member requested the opportunity to view the draft guidelines once they've been completed.

A Council Member asked when announcements would be made regarding the memorial finalists and inquired as to the level of input families would have in the process once that announcement is made. In response, Council Members were informed there will be no voting on the memorial finalists. The LMDC is trying to be as respectful as possible of the process put in place – giving jury members room to work at their own pace. The jury will review any public comment that is submitted during the public viewing, and will be responsible for making the final decision. The LMDC is in the process of identifying an area to exhibit the designs of the finalists and will make certain families have the opportunity to view the designs prior to their being opened to the public. Jury members will continue to deliberate after the designs have been released until a decision has been made.

Council Members asked whether jury members will be involved in the selection of a museum commemorating the events of September 11, 2001. In response FAC members were informed that while

no decisions have been made yet with respect to a museum, its selection would fall under the purview of the Cultural Affairs department and that the jury will not be involved in its selection.

Family members asked whether the tower footprints will be preserved once the memorial design is chosen. In reply Mr. Rampe reminded Council Members that the memorial competition guidelines were written with the intention of steering designers toward designing plans that provided families with access to the footprints, while treating them with the utmost respect.

A member of the FAC expressed the view that there should be a way to preserve most of the north and south footprints since there is no commercial development over them, with the exception of the PATH tracks. He expressed frustration at the LMDC's inability to definitively say that at a minimum the entire north footprint down to bedrock will be part of the memorial. Mr. Rampe explained that nothing definitively can be said until the design is chosen and we see how the designer addresses the issue. To clarify the discussion another member of the FAC stated that the Libeskind plan does provide access to bedrock adjacent to the footprints.

Another family member stated that while they applaud the LMDC and PANYNJ's statement that there will be no retail or commercial development on the footprints, it is his view that there should be absolutely no infrastructure on the footprints and that maximum access to the footprints down to bedrock should be provided. He also reminded LMDC & PANYNJ representatives present that a group of families have filed a request to have the footprints designated historical landmarks. He asked that the dust and miscellaneous materials on the footprints be removed so representatives from the landmarks committee, the DOT, and other preservationist representatives can tour the footprints to do a study of the bedrock and make a "record of artifact". While the families conceded to the PATH tracks on the site he believes further additions are compromising the footprints even more. He asked that the LMDC give more consideration to the Church Street alternative even though it was deemed to be too costly in the scope.

An Advisory Council member asked what the PANYNJ planned on naming the temporary PATH terminal. Advisory Council members were informed that the PANYNJ has already begun designing signage which reads "*World Trade Center Station*". A family member reminded those present that during an earlier meeting it had been suggested the station be called "World Trade Center Memorial Station". Several family members felt strongly that World Trade Center remain a part of the naming of the site as well as the station. Advisory Council members engaged in a discussion regarding the appropriateness of referring to the station as memorial – some expressed concern that family members not involved in these discussions would misinterpret the name of the station with future plans for a permanent memorial. Another Council Member stated it is vital the site and the station be given a name that reflects

its historical significance. All Advisory Council Members agreed that when referring to the World Trade Center site in signage, World Trade Center should be spelled out as opposed to the acronym WTC.

Family members raised concerns over the extra track included in the PATH terminal plans. Mr. Trevor indicated the PANYNJ is currently evaluating using the extra track as an interim track until the design is completed to ensure proper service during construction. Mr. Trevor reminded the FAC, that because the PANYNJ also lost a number of its members and friends, it does understand and empathize with the families and their concerns, and as a result, they have made every effort to alleviate their concerns regarding the footprints.

In response to a series of questions regarding the station, Mr. Trevor informed Council Members that the substation on the site is not on the south tower footprint, but rather, up against it

A member of the FAC reminded family members to not preempt the memorial process by asking the PANYNJ and the LMDC to make commitments regarding the treatment of the footprints. He further stated that it would be more appropriate to ask these questions once the design has been chosen. In response another family member stated that the families would not have made the progress they have to date e.g. no commercial or retail development on the footprints etc., if it weren't for the fact they insisted on discussing these very issues since the beginning.

The PANYNJ stated their intention from the beginning has always been to be as straight forward as possible with the families with the information they have available.

Mr. Trevor informed Council Members that prior to the station being opened to the public the PANYNJ would like to have a private viewing for the FAC. The PANYNJ is planning on two events, one to announce the opening, and another the day it actually opens, which is expected to be sometime this November.

An Advisory Council member suggested the PATH terminal include the name boards that are currently on the Viewing Wall around the site. Mr. Trevor indicated he would look into whether that would be possible.

Several members of the FAC thanked the PANYNJ representatives for their honesty and candor as well as coming to provide them with an update on the site.

Ms. Katsimatides thanked participants for attending, and the meeting was adjourned.

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