

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Third Meeting of the Families Advisory Council
Meeting Summary
April 17th, 2002
Offices of Goldman Sachs
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
LMDC Board Members: Lew Eisenberg and Deborah Wright

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) Board Members Lew Eisenberg and Deborah Wright opened the meeting and indicated that there were several important issues on the agenda – the first of those is communication. Families requested clarification from the LMDC on what the role of the Families Advisory Council is. LMDC Board Members responded that this Advisory Council was one way in which the LMDC was going to receive input from the Families and that the primary mission of this advisory group was to advise the LMDC on issues relating to the memorial and the memorial process. Families expressed an interest in receiving more information on what the other Advisory Councils and wanted the LMDC to keep the families better informed on LMDC activities. LMDC Board Members agreed to set aside a short period of time in the beginning of each meeting to provide the families with updates and answer any questions they may have. LMDC Board Members also encouraged the Advisory Council Members to check the LMDC web-site at www.renewnyc.com for updates.

To ensure consistent communication, the Advisory Council and the LMDC Board Members agreed that a regular monthly meeting schedule would be established and agreed on a schedule. It was also agreed that monthly meetings may not be sufficient and additional meetings might be scheduled on an as needed basis.

There was also additional discussion on setting up two committees within the Advisory Council relating to the memorial – they include process and program. Advisory

Council members indicated the committees they would like to serve on. There will be further discussion on the purpose of these committees and next steps in a later meeting of the Families Advisory Council.

LMDC Board Members then introduced Andrew Winters of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation for a presentation of the proposed Viewing Wall that will surround the site. Mr. Winters spoke about the importance of securing the site for public health and safety reasons and went on to describe the viewing wall in greater detail. Rather than have a standard construction fence, the Port Authority and the LMDC felt it was important to create a new type of enclosure that is respectful and dignified. A standard construction fence is usually made of inexpensive material, warps over time and attracts advertising and turns into blight on the community. So what has emerged is a new concept called the "Viewing Wall." The Port Authority working with the LMDC and New York New Visions is proposing an innovative design. Mr. Winters went through the basic components of the viewing wall including it being a transparent enclosure around the entire site made of high quality, durable materials, including galvanized steel frame, around the same height as a standard construction fence. It is also proposed the wall be comprised of square sections of galvanized steel mesh with the openings about two inches by two inches. It is proposed the perimeter of the viewing wall be illuminated. Mr. Winters went on to say that it is proposed that a series of solid panels will be incorporated at various points along the perimeter of the viewing wall. The LMDC wants to work with the Families and other stakeholders and get their input on what the panels should say/convey. It is also proposed that along the perimeter of the viewing wall, which will be set back away from the curbs to allow for wide sidewalks, alcoves several

feet deep. The alcoves will help prevent bottlenecks and provide a more personal place for people to stand away from pedestrian traffic. The Families supported the concept of the viewing wall and expressed a willingness to work with the Port Authority and the LMDC on content for the panels. The Families asked questions regarding timing of construction of the viewing wall, cost and who was paying for its construction. LMDC Board Members indicated that the Families were the first to see this proposal and that the LMDC had to consult with other Advisory Councils and the Community Board before any final decisions are made. The LMDC also indicated they were going to work with the Port Authority to identify an area along the viewing wall where the Families can view the site.

LMDC Board Members briefed the Families on the progress that has been made on 7 World Trade Center, and more specifically the critical need to reconstruct the substation that was there prior to September 11th. Andrew Winters provided a short briefing and indicated that the LMDC has been working with the Port Authority, Empire State Development Corporation, Con Edison, Officials from New York City and Larry Silverstein on a new plan for 7 World Trade Center which would allow for the reconstruction of the substations, which are critical to the public health and safety for people living and working in Lower Manhattan, and also allow Greenwich Street to reach the north portion of the site, opening up a view corridor that did not exist previously. Family Members had a question regarding this new plan, and specifically, how far Greenwich Street was going to be extended and if any decisions had been made relating to the degree of its extension. Mr. Winters indicated that extending Greenwich Street

through the site was one of many projects that has been suggested, but by no means have any decisions been made.

LMDC Board Members thanked the Advisory Councils for attending and the meeting adjourned.