

FAMILIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
LMDC – 20th floor
April 26, 2004 - 5:30 pm

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Anthoula Katsimatides welcomes all and briefly introduces newly added members to the council and mentions that other members have asked to be considered inactive or dormant and others have asked to be officially removed from the council. She then introduces Tom Johnson who chairs the meeting. Tom explains that this meeting is the first one in a while and states that it's nobody's fault but that all have been very busy doing other things. He commends the LMDC for the incredible progress that has been made in such a short period of time and states that Betty Chen will give an update on the site plan and Anita Contini will also be discussing the Memorial process.

While waiting for Kevin Rampe, Tom introduces Christy Ferer and asks her to say a few words. Ms. Ferer briefly talks about the process by which the NYP's Property Clerk's Division is handling the identification and distribution of victims' personal effects found at the site. She answers many questions from the council and will take their feedback back to the NYPD.

Tom Johnson then introduces Anita Contini who discusses the progress involving the Memorial and the Memorial Center. Anita goes on to discuss the selection of the Associate Architect, Davis Brody Bond, who will be working with the design team in the realization of the Memorial involved in all phases of the design. DBB will assemble a team of specialized sub-consultants, such as mechanical and structural engineers, fountain consultants and consultants specializing in pedestrian movement and traffic to assist with the memorial design.

Next, Anita quickly explains the formation and role of the Memorial Center Advisory Committee. The Memorial Center is the area underneath the memorial designated to serve as the interpretive museum about the events of 9/11/01 and 2/26/03. The work of this committee will only be the beginning of a long process in determining what the Memorial Center should consist of and how to effectively tell the story of these events in a way that is relevant to a broad audience and remains fresh for years to come. The press release about the committee was handed out and Anita went into detail about their work up to this point.

After a long discussion about the Memorial Center Advisory Committee, a question regarding the deconstruction of the Deutsche Bank building was brought up by Jack Lynch and followed up with similar questions by Sally Regenhard. These issues were addressed by Kevin Rampe. Edie Lutnick then asked a question pertaining to the facade of the towers that was left standing on 9/11 and its current condition and location. Christy Ferer answered these questions and additional information was going to be provided at a later date.

Tom Johnson turned back to the agenda of the meeting and introduced Betty Chen to present the revisions to the Master Plan that have occurred since last Fall. Betty discussed the layout of the entire site plan briefly pointing out the location of the Memorial, the Memorial Center, the cultural buildings (performing arts center and museum-type building), the spiral of five towers (including the Freedom Tower) which will surround the Memorial, the Calatrava PATH terminal, the Liberty Street parcel (including St. Nicholas Church), Greenwich and Fulton Streets. A discussion was had about the location of commercial development on or near the site. In addition, Alan Horowitz raised the concern of the type of streets that Greenwich and Fulton would be. He discussed his desire that both of these be pedestrian streets and not open to vehicular traffic. Kevin Rampe discussed a number of issues related to this issue.

Irene Chang then began her presentation of the final formal agenda topic of the meeting. Two weeks prior to this meeting, the LMDC board approved the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement. As part of that the LMDC pulled together public comments some of which was used to modify the plan so as to address most of the concerns. Irene discussed the areas of particular interest to the families advisory council.

After this presentation, a discussion ensued regarding the Memorial Foundation 501c3 that was created and the fundraising efforts that will need to occur in comparison with the fundraising for the Pentagon and Shanksville memorials.

With this, the meeting was adjourned by Tom Johnson.