

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Families Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 30th, 2002
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Offices of Cleary Gottlieb
Room 3901

LMDC Board Members: Deborah Wright, Tom Johnson and Lew Eisenberg

LMDC Board Members Lew Eisenberg and Tom Johnson made opening remarks and Advisory Council Members introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Eisenberg briefly went through the evenings agenda which was broken down into three parts - Updates and information, discussion of Transportation and lastly, feedback on the concept plans.

Tara Snow from the LMDC began by providing the families with updates on the viewing wall (the temporary transparent fence that is being created around the WTC Site), the family mailing, and legislation that was recently signed by Governor Pataki which provides funds to the families for college expenses. Frank Lombardi from the Port Authority then provided an update on the On-site Family Room. This is a private area on Liberty Street for the families so they can view and visit the WTC Site site. Mr. Lombardi indicated it will open some time in late August and Tara Snow indicated she would provide the families further information as it becomes available.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of transportation. In the last meeting of the Families Advisory Council, Bob Davidson from the Port Authority gave a presentation on the proposed transportation projects that were included in each of the concept plans. There was much discussion of the downtown concourse proposal and its potential impact on the footprint of the north tower. Some family members expressed concern that the current configuration of this proposed concourse and the need to penetrate the footprint. There were other members of the Council who did not share this view and felt that transportation was a critical issue. Some Council members wondered if this could not be moved to another part of the site, perhaps north to Fulton Street. The LMDC and the Port Authority underscored that this was a proposal and

committed to setting up a meeting with the families to discuss in more detail the transportation issues.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion of the concept of plans. At the last meeting of the Families Advisory Council, the LMDC and the Port Authority provided the families with a briefing and presentation of the plans. The families expressed concerns about any type of restoration of the street grid through the site and whether the use would be pedestrian or vehicular. The families also expressed concerns regarding the amount of office space on the site. They questioned whether the LMDC and the Port Authority conducted an analysis to determine the economic feasibility of creating 11 million square feet. The families expressed their opposition to building on the footprints of the north and the south tower and also encouraged the Port Authority and the LMDC to look into the possibility of including residential development on the WTC Site. Other feedback included the need to move forward with defining a program for the memorial and its requirements both below and above ground and conduct a study of the number of visitors projected to visit the memorial each year.

Board Members Lew Eisenberg and Tom Johnson thanked the members for coming and the meeting adjourned.