

FAMILIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
LMDC – 20th floor
August 11, 2004 - 5:15 pm

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Tom Johnson, family member and LMDC board member, chaired this meeting and began with a moment of silence. Tom Curitore, Deputy Director of the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit and Christy Ferer, family member and Mayor's Liaison to the families, opened the meeting with a presentation on 9/11 anniversary ceremonies. The format for the ceremonies would be similar to last years, with the addition of the participation of relatives and parents of lost loved ones. Participants would be chosen randomly through a lottery. Mr. Curitore and Ms. Ferer anticipate approval from the Port Authority for families to have access to the south tower bedrock. Also, the Medical Examiner would be available for scheduled visits at the LMDC offices over the September 11th weekend. A hotline has been established for information regarding the ceremony, (212) 442-8953. The Tribute of Light will be held on the evening of September 11th. However, the location is still pending. I.D. cards for the ceremony will be available.

The meeting was turned over to Anita Contini who discussed the final recommendations for the Memorial Center. Ms. Contini was grateful for the work of the Memorial Board Working Group, and the contributions of the families. Ms. Contini outlined the next steps for the Memorial Center including the development of a curatorial approach for the Center. One member of the council asked if the individuals would be recognized in the memorial Center and stressed the need for a permanent exhibit displaying these "time capsules/individual markers", as done in Oklahoma City. Many family members agreed. In addition, there were some comments about the need for an above-grade component for the Memorial Center.

Amy Peterson then provided the Council an update on the memorial design. The architecture firm Davis Brody Bond will be working directly with Michael Arad on the memorial. These architects, as well as structural engineers, mechanical engineer and fountain consultants will work on the schematic design phase from August 15th to December 15th. A discussion ensued regarding input from family members in the schematic design phase. Ms. Peterson anticipates having two meetings with the Family Advisory Council during this phase.

Monika Iken then made a presentation on September's Mission, a Living Memorial. The Living Memorial is a web-based, virtual project. Families will be invited to contribute content for the site. Ann Johnson noted that this important project is similar to Storycorp, and that these types of projects will be a valuable resource years to come when decisions are made as to what content is preserved forever.

At this point, the family members discussed their concerns with the connectivity of the site and the surrounding community, and how visitors will potentially experience the site. Some were concerned with the sanctity of the site, whereas others felt the site

should also serve as a public space. As the design process moves forward, the Council will gain a better grasp of how these concerns are relevant to the site.

Family members then suggested that the footprints of the south tower be made visible before the upcoming September 11th ceremonies. Following this request the meeting was adjourned.