

INTRODUCTION

This report on Historic Resources for the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan (Approved Plan) is prepared pursuant to the Programmatic Agreement among the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), as a recipient of community development block grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which was signed on April 22, 2004, and stipulated that LMDC would provide semi-annual reports to SHPO and ACHP to summarize measures it has taken to comply with the terms of the Programmatic Agreement.

The organization of this report generally follows the stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement. In addition meetings with the Consulting Parties and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) are described in the final section.

1. PROJECT SITE DOCUMENTATION UNDER STIPULATIONS 1 AND 5

As previously reported the Port Authority completed the program of HABS/HAER documentation of the WTC Site in accordance with Stipulation 5 and submitted the documentation to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in August 2005. The Port Authority completed the Phase IB Archaeological Investigation for the East Bathtub and the report was accepted by SHPO on August 24, 2006.

2. ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT PLANS

LMDC continued working to create a Memorial to remember the victims of September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993 and to record the events of September 11. Planning for the Memorial is discussed in more detail in the section which follows.

As previously reported, SHPO approved the Construction Protection Plan in connection with the demolition of 130 Liberty Street on August 18, 2006, and on October 30, 2006, SHPO found the WTC Memorial Construction Protection Plan to be appropriate provided that (1) the surviving slabs designated for preservation be retained and incorporated as appropriate; (2) if changes are necessary, SHPO shall be given the opportunity to comment; and (3) if excavation encounters unclassified obstructions, SHPO shall be notified and provided the opportunity to comment.

Other activities provided for in the Programmatic Agreement are to come. In coordination with the Port Authority, LMDC will provide for Phase IB investigations on the Southern Site and within the beds of Liberty, Washington, and Cedar Streets. Phase IB investigations will consist of archaeological monitoring during excavation following a plan developed in consultation with

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SHPO and LPC. If necessary, any mitigation and retrieval activities will be accomplished before or during excavation for construction. As required by Stipulation 6 of the Programmatic Agreement, SHPO and the consulting parties will have the opportunity to comment on proposed plans for such further archaeological investigation.

3. DESIGN OF THE MEMORIAL

As previously reported, LMDC is working with the Port Authority and the designers of the WTC Memorial and the Memorial Center Museum to preserve and provide for reasonable access to portions of the western slurry wall and to the truncated box beam column bases on the WTC Site. LMDC, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, and the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York (Civic Alliance), held workshops on September 19 and October 11, 2005 on preliminary programming concepts for the Museum. LMDC also received comments on the design in the Consulting Parties meetings held on January 11, and April 5, 2006. Progress on the design was presented to the Consulting Parties in meetings on July 12 and September 29, 2006. There was a public comment period following each meeting and on October 13, 2006, a meeting was held to discuss comments received and to receive any additional comments.

At the January 11, 2007 Consulting Parties Meeting Mark Wagner of Davis Brody Bond Architects made a presentation with regard to the western slurry wall, indicating that based on constructability and visitor experience the preferred structural/design solution would be to provide the new liner wall west of the existing wall and to expose as much of the slurry wall inside the Museum bounds as possible. Irene Chang of LMDC indicated that the National September 11 Memorial & Museum (formerly, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation) would make the decision as to how much of the wall would be exposed based on cost information and other Museum design considerations.

4. ARTIFACT REVIEW PROCESS

LMDC has previously provided the Consulting Parties an opportunity to comment on the artifacts to be displayed at the Memorial Center as required under Stipulation 4(b). Artifacts were considered in workshops held in September and October 2005.

In the January 2007 meeting some Consulting Parties mentioned the importance of locating a trident on the plaza.

5. CONSIDERATION OF IMPACTS TO ADDITIONAL REMNANTS OF THE WTC

LMDC and the Port Authority have worked to minimize impacts to certain additional remnants on the WTC Site, as required under Stipulation 5. The Port Authority removed elements from the former parking garage structure under 6 WTC to Hangar 17 with the potential of their being returned to the Memorial Museum. Also as previously reported, the Port Authority submitted HABS/HAER documentation of the WTC Site to SHPO in accordance with Stipulation 5 (August 2005).

As previously reported, alternative treatments of the Vesey Street stair remnant stair were the subject of meetings with the Consulting Parties on July 12, September 29, and October 13, 2006. LMDC and the Port Authority continued to work together on plans the Vesey Street stair remnant in 2007 by holding meetings with the Consulting Parties and working closely with representatives of the Lower Manhattan Emergency Preservation Fund (LMEPF).

In January 11 2007 Consulting Parties Meeting Irene Chang, Ed Narbutas of Silverstein Properties, Michael Wurzel of Foster + Partners, and Alice Greenwald of the Memorial Foundation made presentations regarding the Vesey Street Stairway. The proposed mitigation plan included: 1) black and white photographic documentation; 2) additional photographic and video documentation; 3) disassembly and storage of portions of the staircase off site during construction; 4) return and integration of portions of the staircase treads in its original footprint at new Tower 2, with six to nine treads in an exterior stair accessible to the public, the footprint demarcated with metal floor inserts, floor finish distinguished within the footprint, and interpretive signage installed in the immediate vicinity; and 5) exploration of whether remaining components could be incorporated into the Memorial quadrant of the WTC Site. Comments received at the meeting reflected divergent viewpoints. Robert Sillman (consultant to the LMEPF) questioned the Port Authority's estimated cost for moving the stair, others wanted the stair preserved intact and possibly placed on the plaza, others did not want the stair remnant kept above ground, others praised the Museum location for the stair remnant, and others said it would be more important to have a trident on the plaza than to have the stair remnant there. The record remained open for additional comments to be sent in.

6. TREATMENT OF UNANTICIPATED ADVERSE EFFECTS OR UNKNOWN HISTORIC RESOURCES OR PROPERTIES

If during project implementation, LMDC, the Port Authority, or any of their contractors discovers or identifies any historic resources within the Project Site that may be adversely affected or should there be any unexpected adverse effects on any historic resources on or immediately adjacent to the Project Site, LMDC or the Port Authority shall promptly notify SHPO and ACHP and develop a treatment or mitigation plan in accordance with Stipulation 7.

No such resources were discovered or identified in the first half of 2007.

7. ON-GOING MEETINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONSULTING PARTIES 2007

MEETINGS WITH CONSULTING PARTIES – JANUARY 11, 2007

The content of these meetings is described above in Sections 3-5.

PORT AUTHORITY SECTION 106 POSTING

On February 7, 2007 the Port Authority notified all Section 106 Consulting Parties of the availability of its report on the Vesey Street Stair Remnant on its web site.

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