



|         |             |      |        |            |
|---------|-------------|------|--------|------------|
| Welcome | Participate | News | Search | Contact Us |
|---------|-------------|------|--------|------------|

About Us

Programs & Resources

Memorial

Planning, Design & Development

Funding Initiatives

Consultant RFPs/RFQs

Around Downtown

Photo Gallery

## Participate

LMDC is committed to fulfilling its mission through an inclusive, open, and transparent process that takes into account the opinions of those affected by the February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks, and the other constituencies that have an interest in the future of Lower Manhattan.

### Current Initiatives

#### **Neighborhood Workshops Summary Report**

On January 20, 2004, the LMDC and the City of New York released a comprehensive report on the feedback received during a series of Neighborhood Workshops conducted last summer. The LMDC is soliciting feedback from the Lower Manhattan community on the results of these workshops from January 20, 2004 through February 28, 2004. For more information on the workshops, please see the Recent Initiatives section below. To view a copy of the report, [click here](#).

#### **World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition Finalists Exhibit**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the LMDC reopened the exhibit "From Recovery to Renewal" at the Winter Garden in the World Financial Center. The exhibit displays a comprehensive timeline that highlights the numerous steps taken in the rebuilding process over the past two years. The exhibit showcases models of the site plan created by Studio Daniel Libeskind, the "Freedom Tower" collaboratively designed by David Childs of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill and Daniel Libeskind, and the selected memorial, "Reflecting Absence" designed by Michael Arad and Peter Walker. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. [Click here to view images of the selected design](#)

### Recent Initiatives

#### **The Neighborhood Outreach Workshop Series**

Last summer the LMDC, in conjunction with the City of New York, held a series of Neighborhood Outreach Workshops to solicit input from communities on their priorities as the LMDC, in cooperation with the State and the City, moves forward with developing additional programs and funding initiatives to fulfill its mission of revitalizing Lower Manhattan south of Houston Street. The LMDC gained invaluable insight throughout the series of the seven workshops held in the Financial District, Battery Park City/WTC site area, City Hall/Seaport District, Chinatown, the Lower East Side, and Tribeca/ SoHo/ Little Italy.

The participants for the workshops included representatives from neighborhood and community civic groups, cultural institutions and organizations, residents, workers, and business owners. The LMDC and the

### Read More

- ▶ Live Simulcast of Public Hearings
- ▶ Public Meetings
- ▶ Events Calendar
- ▶ Get Involved
- ▶ View Public Dialogue Page
- ▶ Public Perspectives Public Outreach Campaign

City of New York identified community-based organization such as Community Boards and civic groups, and individuals such as LMDC Advisory Council members to assist with venue identification, stakeholder recruitment and community outreach.

Each workshop began with a presentation that reviewed LMDC funding initiatives that are currently underway as well as other LMDC-City studies that evaluate different opportunities for improvement in each neighborhood. After the presentations the workshop participant were asked to gather in their small groups consisting of a cross section of stakeholder categories to further discuss their thoughts and feelings on topics that related to their neighborhood.

In total, 369 varied stakeholders participated in the workshop series and voiced their opinions on projects they feel are necessary to their respective neighborhoods. The individual groups reported their key priorities to the entire group at the end of each of the seven meetings held. After the meeting concluded the participants were asked to fill out a survey capturing specific information regarding funding priorities and additional neighborhood issues.

On January 20, 2004, the LMDC and the City released a comprehensive report detailing the results of the workshops. To view the Neighborhood Workshop Summary Report, [click here](#).

## **Public Input Shapes the Process**

Since its inception, LMDC has received an unprecedented amount of public comment from all over the world regarding the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, the creation of a permanent memorial, and the revitalization of Lower Manhattan. During the comment period in the first phase of the planning process for the World Trade Center site, LMDC received over 10,000 comments from around the world. During the Plans in Progress campaign, LMDC received over 15,000 comments on the Innovative Design Study for the World Trade Center site and the draft Memorial Mission Statement and Program.

Comments continue to be received through a wide array of sources, such as Advisory Council meetings, faxes, letters, e-mails and the LMDC web site. LMDC reviews and records every comment that is submitted by a member of the public and all comments become part of the official record.

### **Advisory Councils**

Several Advisory Councils representing a broad spectrum of groups affected by the World Trade Center attacks - including victims' families, business owners, and downtown residents - regularly consult with LMDC on issues of concern to their respective constituencies. LMDC also conducts public hearings and other outreach initiatives, participates in Community Board meetings, and continuously meets with community groups, civic organizations, and public officials to ensure the opinions of those who were affected are taken into account.

### **Public Meetings**

LMDC regularly conducts Public Meetings, which provide an avenue for the public to express their thoughts and concerns. To date, LMDC has held ten public meetings and sponsored "Listening to the City," which drew over 4,000 participants. At these meetings, participants can submit comments in writing, using comment cards. Each comment is recorded and becomes part of the official record.

**Exhibits**

LMDC has organized several public exhibits to educate and involve the public in the rebuilding process.

On July 24, 2002, an exhibit displaying the six initial concept plans for the World Trade site opened at historic Federal Hall in Lower Manhattan. Over 17,000 people visited the exhibit, which closed on August 30, 2002. Visitors were invited to submit comment cards and, by the end of the comment period, nearly 1,000 brochures were received by LMDC via this exhibit.

On December 18, 2002, as part of the comprehensive "Plans in Progress" campaign, the LMDC opened a public exhibit that displayed the nine design concepts, known as the Innovative Design Study for the World Trade Center site, at the World Financial Center Winter Garden. This exhibit ran through February 2, 2003 and was visited by over 100,000 people. Over 8,000 public comment cards were submitted to LMDC during the exhibit.

On November 19th, 2003 the LMDC unveiled the exhibit showcasing the eight finalists chosen in the World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition. The finalists were selected by a 13 member jury and chosen from 5,201 design submissions. The eight memorial designs are currently on display at the World Financial Center Winter Garden from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 through January 6th, 2004. (click here to view images of the eight designs)

Currently, LMDC is displaying "From Recovery to Renewal: the Public Process of Rebuilding the World Trade Center Site and Creating a Permanent Memorial". The exhibit is the third in a series of exhibitions designed by the LMDC to educate and involve the public in the planning process for the World Trade Center site. The new exhibit tracks the planning process for the site and features new renditions of the selected design: Memory Foundations by Studio Daniel Libeskind. *From Recovery to Renewal* will be on display through the end of 2003 at the World Financial Center Winter Garden.

**Other Outreach Efforts:**

LMDC utilizes additional avenues to inform the public about its initiatives and to solicit public participation and feedback. Other outreach efforts include:

**Mailings**

LMDC frequently sends mailings to groups such as victims' families, elected officials throughout New York State, civic and community organizations, and other interested parties. These mailings include information on LMDC's public outreach efforts, notices of public meetings and exhibits, LMDC studies and other documents distributed for public comment, and questionnaires.

**Public Libraries**

In December 2002, LMDC produced a video documentary on the Innovative Design Study as part of the Plans in Progress campaign. The documentary focuses on the seven design teams that participated in the Innovative Design Study, and their visions for the World Trade Center site. The videos are available at every public library branch throughout New York City. During the public comment period - from December 18, 2002 through February 2, 2003 - members of the public could also obtain public comment brochures at each library branch to send directly to LMDC. The public libraries continually disseminate information about LMDC's public exhibits and other initiatives.

**Newsletter**

LMDC issues a quarterly newsletter highlighting ongoing revitalization efforts and articles geared toward the Lower Manhattan community, which is distributed to locations throughout Lower Manhattan, as well as over 20 businesses. LMDC also regularly issues an e-newsletter to keep the public informed about LMDC's latest initiatives. If you would like to sign up for the e-

update, click here.

Website

LMDC's website contains up-to-date information on the LMDC's planning and funding initiatives, the creation of the World Trade Center memorial, and other efforts. The public can provide feedback directly to the LMDC through the web site. Use our online forms to submit your comments.

[Welcome](#) | [Participate](#) | [News](#) | [Search](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [LMDC Home](#)

©2002 Lower Manhattan Development Corporation | [Privacy Policy](#)