



Pentagon Memorial Charrette

Families and Design Teams Meet for Lively Discussions and Exchange of Ideas

An unprecedented design charrette between victim's families and Pentagon Memorial design team members resulted in substantive discussions about project priorities and constraints.

Hosted by the selected contractor team, Centex-Lee, the three-day "design charrette" was attended by as many as 64 participants, including representatives from the Washington Headquarter Service (WHS), employees of the Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office (PENREN/C), the Defense Facilities Division and representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.



The charrette was envisioned as a collaborative planning process to ensure that everyone involved shared an understanding of the project, the process, the roles and the contributions of the various participants.

The charrette's first day featured short presentations from concept designers Julie Beckman and Keith Kasemen, Centex Lee and the victim's families. Each stakeholder explained their roles and perspectives on the project, giving those attending greater insight into the memorial design concept.

Jim Laychak, president of the Pentagon Memorial Fund, Inc. outlined the progress of the fund-raising effort.

Lively brainstorming sessions produced ideas relating to project issues and concerns. The session addressed the memorial's proximity and connectivity to Arlington National Cemetery and the Air Force Memorial. Also discussed was the Pentagon Memorial's entrance gateway, maintenance of the Memorial, landscaping and accessibility to the site.



PENREN/C Director Mike Sullivan addresses charrette attendees.

The charrette's last two days featured good dialog between 37 core team members, including the Carondelet Foundry Corporation. The Foundry will be responsible for casting the 184 Memorial Units.

The discussions focused on the major design elements of the memorial such as the individual memorial units, perimeter benches, stabilized gravel, the project's age-lines and trees. Also discussed were the requirements for lighting the pool system, related utility piping and drainage.

"I was impressed by the talent of the group, and especially with their constructive approach to everything," Laychak said. "Whether the discussion was about concerns raised by family members the first day, or a design detail analyzed in the last two days, everyone responded by devising solutions. There was a lot of enthusiasm and energy, which was great to experience."



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