

Greetings CIUS Board Members and friends! This is our third bi-weekly e-newsletter, as we begin the fall season , we find that CIUS is poised for action!

REVIEW

Again to review the September 28 board meeting, the main subject was the big opening event we are planning. In light of the recent World Trade Center tragedy we have decided to change our theme to one more in accord with this timely subject. However, This is still to be the event via which we proclaim our distinct identity and existence to the world. It is important that we have something unique and important to say/offer and we certainly do!

At the Sept 28 meeting it was agreed that we had two unique themes to offer:

The first is a focus on the notion of “process” and what process should be. It is likely that most of the plans put forth will be based on the realities of thirty years ago, we would caution that first and foremost it is time to rethink the process. There is a real question as to how institutions that will rebuild lower Manhattan will have to be reconfigured.

If the situation calls for a short term planning process, how do we ensure that it doesn't degenerate into an undemocratic one? The CIUS would take a bottom line defense of participation and stress involvement by as diverse cross- section of society as possible.

The second is a focus on “movement” and all the economic social and political ramifications of changes in the way people goods and information move in and around cities. These changes also have ramifications for the infrastructure that allows the movement.

Once again Richard Hanley has been drafted to work on a tentative outline for the conference.

No doubt many institutions will hold events related to the World trade Center tragedy. The Newman Institute at Baruch College is likely to hold a large conference on the subject in December or January. For now it has been agreed that we will seek to participate in it and then hold our own conference afterwards. It is likely that we will focus on one of our themes at the Baruch conference and on the other theme at our own conference.

Events/Info

- *The Municipal Art Society's Place Matters project has set up a special web space for people to register thoughts and feelings about the World Trade Center and are discussing a related presentation at the New York Historical Society. Go to: <http://www.placematters.net/>*

□ **The Center for an Urban Future** *will sponsor a special panel/forum on Rebuilding and Rethinking Business Development in the Five Boroughs in the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster. The event is to be held on Oct 18 from 10am to 12 noon at the New School. For all information call 212-479-3344.*

□ **The American Institute of Architects** (<http://www.aiany.org>), New York Chapter has organized an “Action Committee” The Action Committee, representing member firms of the Chapter, will bring professional resources to bear upon the daunting tasks facing the City.

These include:

- Innovative and buildable approaches to creating short-term accommodations for displaced businesses and other organizations
- Innovative concepts for expediting redevelopment of underutilized parts of the city
- Assistance with the formulation of temporary and permanent regulations, building codes, zoning approvals, environmental reviews, and plan reviews to expedite the building process
- Identification and implementation of forward-looking planning objectives"

□ **The American Planning Association** is offering an online 24 hour moderated discussion about “planning after September 11.” You do not need to be a member to participate. Please go to: <http://www.planning.org/>

No doubt many of you can contribute to the substantial task before us by pointing out relevant information from your research and leading us to relevant contacts We hope to hear from you!

That’s all for this edition! Remember, if you have information for the CIUS bi-weekly E-newsletter please email it to:

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