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Redeveloping ground zero

Finalists chosen to rebuild World Trade Center

By Karen Matthews
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NEW YORK — Two designs that would put the tallest buildings in the world at the site of the World Trade Center were selected Tuesday as the finalists in the plan to redevelop ground zero.

The plan from Berlin architect Daniel Libeskind calls for glassy, angular buildings clustered around the foundations of the fallen towers. The other, proposed by an international team of design firms known as THINK, evokes the original trade center with twin towers of ethereal latticework.

The final plan will be picked at the end of the month.

"What we're doing today is advancing two extraordinary designs," said Roland Betts, head of the redevelopment planning committee. Neither is "set in stone," he said, but officials will try to retain the main concepts.

The final designs include a conceptual vision for where the victims' memorial might be built, but a specific plan is scheduled to be chosen in September after an international competition.

Nine proposals for redeveloping the 16-acre site where nearly 2,800 people were killed were unveiled late last year.

The selection of the finalists came after a sometimes-contentious review that involved the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing redevelopment, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the trade center site.

The finalists each feature buildings surpassing Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest in the world. The trade center towers were 1,350 feet.

A cluster of stark, geometric buildings — one topped by a spire reaching 1,776 feet — forms the core of Libeskind's design. The THINK team, led by architects Rafael Vinoly and Frederic Schwartz, conceived a "World Cultural Center" with two 1,665-foot towers.

Neither envisions office space at the top of the structures.

The Libeskind design calls for 70 stories of offices, with airy "gardens of the world" beckoning tourists above office level. In the THINK plan, a library, museum and other cultural attractions would

Soaring structures make final round

Two plans featuring structures that will soar higher than any on Earth were picked as finalists for the design to rebuild the World Trade Center on Tuesday. A final choice will be made later in the month.

World Cultural Center

THINK team

- ▶ Two open latticework 1,665-foot towers retrace the architecture of the original towers, built atop ground zero.
- ▶ Transportation center, eight mid-rise office buildings and hotel on perimeter of site.
- ▶ Large glass reflecting pools bring natural light to the concourse.



Gardens in the sky

Studio Daniel Libeskind

- ▶ Spire rises to 1,776 feet.
- ▶ Five geometrical towers and several smaller buildings clustered around trade center foundations.
- ▶ Memorial and public spaces include the Path of Heroes and the Wedge of Light, where sun will be visible without shadow between the hours of the first and second attack on the anniversary.



SOURCE: Lower Manhattan Development Corp.

be suspended inside the latticework towers with offices concentrated at the site's perimeter.

Betts suggested a number of practical issues must be addressed.

For example, Libeskind's plan to preserve a portion of ground zero's seven-story pit must also force a wall holding back the Hudson River. Betts said "issues related to cost and height" will be analyzed for the THINK plan.

The height of the buildings has been an issue. While many New Yorkers have called for smaller structures that would replace the twin towers, the New York Times/CBS poll found 53 percent of New Yorkers would be unwilling to work in one of the higher floors at the site.

"Personally, I worked in the building for 15 years, and I wouldn't like to see the tallest building there," William Rodriguez, who heads a survivors' group, said Tuesday.

Other hurdles remain. Developer Larry Silverstein, who holds the lease on the trade center site, complained in a letter to development corporation chairman John Whitehead last week that proposed designs do not include enough office space. Betts pledged that Silverstein will be involved in the next phase.

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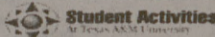
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Tennis

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solid win in the first round.

As fate would have it, when the brackets came out Monday, the Aggies drew a round bout with No. 5 UNC.

The Aggies will face a team led by Coach Jen Callahan whose teams are historically known for their mental toughness and physical conditioning.

The Aggies are betting on success this week, after an evenly split weekend provided valuable experience for the A&M freshmen.

In addition, sophomore Lauren Walker will likely be available for doubles play after sitting out this past weekend to rest her knee.

"This tournament hosts 16 of the top teams in the nation," Ojeda said. "We'll be in a situation where we can succeed and our girls are very excited."

The women will begin their four-day tournament Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Softball

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with the big blows coming off the bats of seniors Cheryl Fowler and Jennifer Davis, both of whom slapped run-scoring singles through the infield.

Things started to unravel in the top of the second inning. With two outs, Wilhelmson gave up a single to Ladyjack junior centerfielder Jaime Brown. The hit opened the floodgates.

Following the single, three consecutive errors and a run-scoring single tied the game at three.

"We got a little bit careless," said A&M Head Coach Jim Evans. "(But) we talked about relaxing and not trying to make too much happen."

The game spiraled toward extra innings. During the next three innings, the Aggies got away the Ladyjacks with little problem, giving up only a single base runner.

The end came in the bottom of the ninth inning care of senior Crystal Martin, who sent a runner out pitch over the fence off Ladyjack reliever Autry, who started the first game. The solo shot gave the Aggies the win, closing out the game 4-3, and sending Autry home with the disappointment of having as many losses as she gave up hits.

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