

**ANC 3/4G February 24, 2022 Special Public Meeting on Maret's BZA Application  
Discussion on ANC 3/4G's Draft Resolution and Proposed Conditions**

**Q&As**

Paul Fisher 7:24 PM

I would like to add an additional wrinkle for consideration. If the ANC were to vote to approve this deal going forwards, and Maret vacates the lease after 10 or 20 (or 30) years, how is the neighborhood going to be protected from the maintenance of the sports complex being neglected? ECC has gone bankrupt once, has not provided a solid business plan for their resurrection, and the finances of how this field lease to Maret will permanently shore up their finances has not been explained at all. If they succeed in their goal of putting literally tons of toxic artificial turf on the property, this will require regular maintenance and periodic replacement. ECC did not maintain the storm water protections that were required by the BZA when they built their Media Center. It was technically illegal for them to do this, but more importantly is what happens if they repeat this behavior in the future. Maret has signed a 10 year lease with the option to extend 4 times, so they are only committed for 10 years.

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

thomasdowns 7:28 PM

The Chairman was on the Public Space Committee meeting today. Thanks for your patience. During the hearing a DDOT employee (a member of the public space committee) mentioned that DDOT has completed a 15 page report on the DDOT transportation response issues raised in the review. She stated that that report will be released tomorrow. The question is will the ANC take this report as part of it's decision making process before making a decision?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

David Patton 7:29 PM

How many students can be served by what level of payments from Maret School? This is an important question raised by Commissioner Gosselin.

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

rebeccamaydak 7:34 PM

I thought when they ceased operations was because the funding and therefore supply of students dried up?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

rebeccamaydak 7:35 PM

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Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Anonymous Attendee 7:40 PM

Was the ANC ever approached by the ECC to assist them with getting paid by the District Dept. of Education for the services provided the children referred to the ECC?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Bruce Sherman 8:01 PM

Re ECC's financial viability, have the commissioners seen the ECC-Maret lease? Do you understand the financial terms? If so, are you assured by the terms or other data you might have separately as to ECC's viability?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Bruce Sherman 8:03 PM

What would happen to the Maret arrangement if ECC were not able to sustain itself and ceased operations permanently?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Claudia Russell 8:07 PM

ECC did have a covenant dated 9-17-2002 for the Korz media center to maintain an infiltration pit located just east of the Media Center. It required an annual inspection of the observation well and inlet manhole and other requirements for maintenance. However, Brian Ruhl of Vika, on 1/31/2022 said that ECC did not maintain the pit/tank due to their financial situation. With that in mind with a man-made storm water management system put in place by Maret, if Maret's lease is not renewed, what assurances do we have that this large stormwater management system will be maintained. (This is a large system of water management that needs constant maintenance.)

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

JP Dowd 8:07 PM

Bruce and Jane, didn't you and other neighbors previously indicate in other meetings that you strongly support ECC and are doing so with financial support?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Thierry Rosenheck 8:12 PM

The Wells study undercounts traffic from Oregon Ave. Does the ANC expect that the 100ft PUDO will absorb the queuing at rivalry games from 100 cars converging without impacting flow on Neb Ave?

David Patton 8:18 PM  
What happened to Cynthia Collier?

Peter Lehrer 8:39 PM  
pick up drop off

## Chat Log

19:01:13 From Cheryl Wasserman to Host and Panelists:

Maybe you can all get the Mayor to be more responsible before she continues to jump the gun on masks and vaccinations

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9:01:36 From Cheryl Wasserman to Host and Panelists:

N 95 or kN 95 or forget it!!!

19:15:21 From Nancy Voisin to Host and Panelists:

ECC did not pause operations due to Covid 19. ECC closed in June 2019, prior to Covid 19 pandemic.

19:15:54 From Connie K. N..Chang, ANC 3/4G-05 to Everyone:

You can find the ANC 3/4G draft resolution with proposed conditions, Maret and ECC's joint response to the proposed conditions, and Friends of the Field's response to our draft resolution (memo and exhibits) plus many other documents on our dedicated web page here: [https://anc3g.org/task\\_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/](https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/).

19:27:15 From Joel Velasco to Everyone:

Thank you Connie. Regardless of one's position for or against this project, none of us can complain there has not been enough transparency of information by this ANC.

19:29:28 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:

a goal and actuality are two different things.

19:30:15 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:

I am sure it was the ECC's goal to stay open, but that never happened.

19:31:03 From Jen Lanoff to Host and Panelists:

I am voicing my support for the Maret-ECC partnership. I hope that the committee understands that this is such a great opportunity for both Maret and ECC, and is a good move for our neighborhood. I have lived here since 1997 and wholeheartedly endorse.

19:32:20 From Jay Ingram to Everyone:

I would like to express my support for the draft resolution as well as my gratitude for the efforts of the ANC as they have considered this proposal. The ANC's work over the course of many months to gather feedback from the neighborhood and incorporate the findings of multiple DC agencies and offices into the resolution, all while continuing to navigate the challenges associated with an unrelenting pandemic, is to be acknowledged as an example of superlative local leadership and engagement. This has proven to be difficult and time-consuming work and the principled way in which our ANC considered the proposal, and the manner in which it conducts its affairs generally, is what drives the success of localities like Chevy Chase, DC and its micro-neighborhoods. Ultimately, the resolution is reflective of a collective commitment to the safety, security, and welfare of the neighborhood where we all reside. I look forward to the opening of the field and the resumption of operations at the ECC.

19:32:38 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

I compare this proposal to an alternative of some kind of housing on the property, and as a direct neighbor, I would rather have housing

19:34:46 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

The transportation demand management plan Maret refers to in their mailer to our CH neighborhood states they are providing a bike rack and flaggers in the parking lot to point cars to spaces and expect users to the field Metrobus ... none of these features are provided with data that shows how these impact or mitigate congestion on Nebraska and Utah Avenues. However, data in the Wells study is undercounting the expected flow from the closure of Beach Dr (not considered) and the reopening of an improved Oregon Ave - also not considered. The Wells study is deficient on the traffic count we must expect and should not be accepted.

19:35:12 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

Please clarify how many students walk to ECC when it is operational.

19:35:26 From Bruce Sherman to Host and Panelists:

I understand ECC ceased operation in part because of diminishing demand for its services.

19:36:37 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

The multi-field design extends the lot coverage of the proposed plastic turf to 3.7 acres, and increases the amount of stormwater runoff the field will experience during high volume rainstorms, since there will be no local absorption of water

19:36:55 From Gregory Poe to Everyone:

The good faith of the ANC commissioners, their extraordinary investment of time and effort, and their close attention to the issues raised by everyone involved (regardless of position regarding the project) is clearly demonstrated in the draft Resolution. Among other things, the Resolution contains extensive conditions that account for concerns expressed across the spectrum.

19:37:34 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

Two fields requires the fields to be placed at the edges of the property, increasing the noise that has to be endured by the neighbors. With one field, there could be adequate setbacks and buffers for the field area.

19:37:43 From Kathy Abbruzzetti to Everyone:

2 Fields also increases the size - while there is some overlap - it forces less buffer between the field and the adjacent homes due to the positioning of the fields.

19:37:57 From Nancy Voisin to Host and Panelists:

Everyone understands that the 2 proposed fields cannot be used at one time. The issue of one field relates to the absence of buffers.

19:38:11 From Stephanie Nash to Everyone:

Students for ECC's day therapeutic program were bused to school. The few students that ever attended from the neighbor were driven by their parents.

19:38:15 From Amy Aldrich to Everyone:

Gregory Poe: well said.

19:38:28 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

ANC is missing the point of a one field proposition by FOG ... when you have a one multipurpose field proposition recommended by FOF it's about having BUFFERS... BUFFERS!!! and less PLASTIC

19:39:09 From Jon Axelrod to Everyone:

The two-field plan controls the location of the parking lot, the space between the field and the security fences, and the relocation of trees. The one-field design does not reduce the amount of space available for anyone. The space outside the multipurpose field is still available for use.

19:39:15 From David Patton to Everyone:

Commissioner Zeldin has it. It's about the intensive coverage.

19:39:27 From Adam Kreisel to Everyone:

I am so impressed by the work of the ANC Commissioners. Thank you for your excellent work.

19:40:50 From Aakash Thakkar to Everyone:

To be clear, there is no proposal for one field. Maret needs and is making a proposal for the two overlapping fields. That is the basis for our lease with ECC. Further, no official body has determined that the current project is at all intense. Fields are among the least intensive uses possible.

19:41:48 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

Hello, thank you! I'd like to speak to that reduction in use.

19:41:57 From Ami Neiberger-Miller to Everyone:

Ami with ECC here to answer a question posted about students walking to ECC - Stephanie Nash has already responded about our therapeutic day program - ECC plans to open an afterschool program in the future so we expect that some children attending that program will walk home in the neighborhood

19:42:14 From Claudia Russell to Host and Panelists:

The multi-field size and footprint is the issue. One field decreases the proximity to the residences. We studied 217 fields in DC. It is clear that there are NO other fields so tightly wedged into a neighborhood with such minimal setbacks and buffers with neighbors. With the recent unveiling of the 3-D model, the neighbors felt the residential suffocation of this overwrought fit. It is quite true, if this is built as planned, we will be LIVING these games and practices; every game and practice.

19:42:43 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

in Climate Ready DC, rain events in 30 years are predicted to become more common and extreme.

- In 2050 a 100-year storm will produce nearly 12 in. of water
- What is now a 100-year event (8 in. of water) will be considered a 25-year storm in 2050
- 15 year storms will far surpass our current 25-year storms (up from 5.5 to 7 in. of water)

19:43:04 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

Thank you so much. I am Leeya Mehta, parent of a current Hardy student whose girls soccer team, coached by a young female coach won the middle school championships. We had to practice on the handkerchief sized Hardy field with the boys team. Our PTA is very supportive of the condition that Maret must negotiate with DPR to end its agreement for use and maintenance of Jelleff as soon as the new ECC fields come on line. Due to Maret's 20 year contract on Jelleff Field our student athletes travel all over town to play on available fields or just 'make do'. We really need access to Jelleff to grow our sports program. I encourage you to include this provision in the final version.

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9:43:13 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

Please note: on Wednesdays, Maret shares the field with us and we can practice there. Having a full sized field for practice for the first time was amazing and it was huge opportunity for our students. For a public school with a diverse group of students, many of whom are in the Jelleff after school program, we should be allowed to use and benefit from this PROXIMATE field. Eg, the team could not take in all the students who tried out due to practice space issues.

19:43:38 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:

Can you please tell me if your after school program is for any child or only special needs children?

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9:43:44 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

My younger child will start at Hardy in the Fall and we would love for spirited athletes like her to develop their sport to represent their school colors. She wants to play baseball and soccer. As of now she has no field to practice baseball. We also have no home field.

19:43:54 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

The field is big enough to share after school maybe one more day? It can be done even as Maret's contract be re-evaluated. In the interim we request sharing. This should not be an impasse.

19:44:00 From Leeya Mehta to Host and Panelists:

Thank you so much. Sorry to put so much in.

19:44:22 From Amy Aldrich to Everyone:

This resolution seems like a thoughtful and reasonable measure to make good use of this space, respect our neighborhood, and support EEC and its significant contribution to the community.

19:44:28 From David Patton to Everyone:

The "concept" of the curb cut.

19:44:35 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

Maret needs to be a model of how to handle stormwater in the community. Not simply follow regulations, which are out of date for our current climate, let alone 10,20,30 years in the future

19:45:40 From Holly Mead to Everyone:

Good Evening. My name is Holly Mead and I'm a resident of ANC 3/4G (Jocelyn St) and I strongly support the ANC 3/4G Resolution and ALL its conditions with regard to the proposed Maret School Sports Field Project. The resolution equitably balances the interests of Maret with those of the ECC and its students, nearby neighbors, DCPS students and other interests, and ensures the fields will become an asset to the community at large. The resolution includes important conditions related to traffic, stormwater regulation, landscaping, and the preservation of heritage trees on the site, as well as the condition that Maret monitor the use of the fields to mitigate noise pollution and other disruptions, all important issues for the neighbors and community. I would like to thank the ANC commissioners for the significant amount of work it took to engage the community in the review of this project and to come up with a resolution that considers all parties' interests.

19:46:29 From Nancy Voisin to Host and Panelists:

Commissioner Michael Zeldin stated in the meeting on February 22, 2021 that transplanted trees cannot survive. That came from an ANC commissioner.

19:46:52 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

I agree ...fields that are NOT intensive... it's the players shouting.. coach whistling .. 100 cars converging to drop off and pick up their kids or 50 cars parking or looking to park close to the field.. almost on 365 days/year ... THEY are intensive

19:47:04 From Claudia Russell to Host and Panelists:

It is important to note why we are here. We are here because Maret is requesting a zoning variance. That variance requires the following:

19:47:17 From Nate Tibbits to Host and Panelists:

I agree with and would like to echo Holly Mead's thoughtful comments above. Thanks to the ANC commissioners for their drop consideration of this matter.

19:48:07 From Bruce Sherman to Host and Panelists:

Noise at Maret "rivalry" games are of an order of magnitude different from Lafayette sports programs.

19:48:11 From Kara Kochan to Everyone:

Thank you to our ANC commissioners for the incredible investment of time in gathering community feedback on this project. Your resolution clearly reflects this feedback as well as your commitment to serving the residents of Chevy Chase DC and the District as a whole. This gives us confidence that this project will be an asset to our community for many years.

19:48:48 From Kathy Abbruzzetti to Everyone:

It is disappointing to see that Maret will not work with the adjacent neighbors towards a compromise on the field design that works for everyone.

19:49:13 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:

Lafayette is a wreck because the underground draining system was not installed properly.

19:49:16 From Bruce Sherman to Host and Panelists:

Commissioners should look at images more carefully - Lafayette has TWO housesncontiguous

19:49:52 From Bruce Sherman to Host and Panelists:

The natural grass fields referred to are not maintained. It isn

19:49:55 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

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19:50:15 From thomasmartella to Host and Panelists:

Impressive analysis by the ANC — both comprehensive and deep. Seems to cover all the bases important to this long-term neighborhood resident!

19:50:18 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

All fields need maintenance, whether plastic turf or natural grass. You can't say a field like Lafayette that is not being maintained is proof that plastic turf is better. Itn

19:50:33 From Claudia Russell to Host and Panelists:

203 Special Exception uses

203.1 The following uses shall be accepted as a special exception in Residential use group

(m) private schools .....subject to the following conditions

(1) shall likely be located so as not to become objectionable to adjoining and nearby property because of noise, traffic, number of students, or otherwise objectionable conditions

19:50:39 From Kevin Hardy to Everyone:

I'd like to echo the comments of Jay Ingram and Holly Mead. I too am a resident of the neighborhood (Stephenson Place) and a supporter of the proposed project by Maret and ECC. Thank you all for your hard work and patience.

19:51:03 From Aakash Thakkar to Everyone:

At current, ECC has no stormwater management facilities. Even members of FoF have concurred that Maret's proposed stormwater management facilities will improve current

conditions. I also note that the District's DOEE will review Maret's stormwater submission and determine concurrence with 25-year stormwater standards.

19:51:13 From Michael Zeldin to Host and Panelists:

The expert from urban forestry said that he believes that the trees can survive the transplant. We need to rely on the experts.

19:51:37 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

Be a leader Maret and go for a 50 year storm!

19:51:39 From Bruce Sherman to Host and Panelists:

It is very questionable that the ANC has chosen to rely on a neighbor whose credentials have not been provided rather than the highly credentialed expert on grass/turf who has provided testimony that plastic turf is dangerous. Has anyone ever seen Dark Waters? Coming to your Chevy Chase neighborhood...

19:52:41 From Kathy Abbruzzetti to Everyone:

Muddy fields are still better than plastic that negatively impacts the environment and cannot be disposed of. #FliptheTurf

<https://parentscoalitionmc.blogspot.com/2022/02/fliptheturf-its-time-to-swap-nfl.html>

19:55:08 From Ross Eisenman to Host and Panelists:

I agree that our ANC Commissioners have done an amazing job. Having dealt with storm water management issues, the neighborhood should welcome Maret's investment.

19:55:21 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

And I echo Jay Ingram. This thoughtful community process is much appreciated.

19:57:03 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

I hope the ANC will be AHEAD of the curve, instead of behind it. The Biden administration is on the cusp of regulating artificial turf. Public awareness, and opinions, concerning artificial turf are turning. Hoping all will think less about how "beautiful" a field looks and care more about health and safety. Those who study artificial turf say that knowing what they have learned, they would never live next to an artificial field. Please don't put our children at risk by allowing this product, which contains lead, PFAS and other carcinogens, to be installed next to our homes.

19:57:17 From Claudia Russell to Host and Panelists:

DC wants to be forward thinking in Green initiatives and climate change. The Casey Tree canopy initiative is equally forward-thinking. Codes and Regulations are far behind climate change. Codes and Regulations are the resultant and not the leaders. We look for good leaders to set the bar!

19:57:42 From Thierry Rosenheck to Everyone:

I'm upset about the inference made by the Wells study that folks can expect over 1000 parking spaces in the neighborhood around the field... in an area of 1/4 mile radius... the study is inflating parking availability because people do not walk 1/4 mile and will be parking as close to the field as possible and contribute to congestion instead.. the study is again being disingenuous in their data by discounting the problems on Neb . the study should not be accepted

19:57:53 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

At the very least make it a requirement that Maret use "PFAS free" turf.

19:58:10 From Aakash Thakkar to Everyone:

Maret has been existence since the early 1900's and we very much plan to be a long-term occupant of the new fields.

19:58:11 From David Patton to Everyone:

We can see the chat and Q&A.

19:59:48 From Amy Aldrich to Host and Panelists:

Thank you for your extraordinary work and dedication.

19:59:54 From Andrew Wise to Everyone:

Thank you to the Commission for the thoughtful consideration of the proposal. I live a couple blocks from the site and fully support the proposal. I also think Maret should be commended for its thoughtful consideration of the various community comments regarding the proposal.

20:01:27 From Michael McCaughan to Host and Panelists:

I want to thank all the commissioners for their work on this issue and the extraordinarily thoughtful resolution and conditions. As a close but not immediate neighbor I would personally prefer to see more youth sports league use. However I recognize the need to balance competing interests and greatly appreciate the time and effort that all parties have put in to drafting a reasonable and well balanced set of conditions. I strongly support the resolution.

20:02:22 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

The Maret plan allows for a reservoir under the field of 1.2 inches, yet according to the DC Climate Ready plan, the current 15 year storm - yes, Fifteen, involves approx. 5.75" of water. Maret claims it is "over designing" the site, but what is happening to that extra 4.55 inches??

20:02:46 From Aakash Thakkar to Everyone:

Ddot worked with Maret's transportation engineer, Wells, to determine the scope and efficacy of the transportation study. Ddot is the arbiter with regard to the transportation study and appropriate mitigation.

20:03:42 From JP Dowd to Everyone:

Thanks and appreciation to all of our ANC commissioners. Your willingness to respectfully, patiently to listen and thoroughly review comments and revisions over the past months is an inspiration and shining example of local government at the neighborhood level!

20:05:57 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

There seems to be some question as to the actual demand for ECC services. If demand is high, why is Stephanie saying they may have only 10 students when they reopen? Has the ANC actually spoken to special education staff at DCPS to understand the continued need for ECC? My understanding is that most parents prefer to have their children mainstreamed?

20:06:33 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

What about the hefty endowment of ECC? Why are they in such financial difficulties?

20:07:08 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:

Public records indicate ECC has an endowment of around 10M.

20:07:48 From elizabethmiller to Host and Panelists:

Colleen Crino (Hardy PTA) and I (Elizabeth Miller) would love to be put together on a panel...we have similar comments.

20:07:55 From Jennifer Backus to Everyone:

As a direct neighbor, living on Nebraska Ave directly across from the field, I want to thank the entire ANC and especially my own Commissioner John Higgins for the hours and hours of time they have put in on this issue. They have gone out of their way to listen to every voice, given all of us who live near the site numerous opportunities to offer our opinions and suggestions and have been so helpful in hosting meeting with various experts across the city and from Maret so that we could get our specific questions answered. It has been really inspiring to see how this proposal has changed due to community input and good questions from the ANC. I support the vast majority of this resolution but as a parent of a student who played baseball, soccer, flag football and ultimate frisbee, I am disappointed that the number of hours that were first proposed for DC Youth Sports had to get cut. I do understand why it was cut and appreciate the need for compromise. I also very much appreciate the community access hour

20:07:57 From Richard Gervase (he/him) to Everyone:

I, too, am grateful for the incredibly hard work by the ANC on this matter over many months as reflected in the proposed resolution. And I am grateful to Maret for its transparency and willingness to engage with our community. As a neighborhood resident, I would look with pride on the ECC site once again being able to educate children with emotional challenges and offer sorely needed field space for youth sports (during reasonable hours). This seems like a clear win-win.

20:08:55 From elizabethmiller to Host and Panelists:  
the option is not there for video...?

20:09:05 From Jane Sherman to Everyone:  
As to process, it's one thing to be allowed to speak, another to be heard.

20:09:08 From elizabethmiller to Host and Panelists:  
there is no option

20:14:42 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:  
So much for Maret being a "good neighbor".

20:15:09 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:  
Thanks, Elizabeth Miller! Excellent points.

20:16:27 From rebeccamaydak to Host and Panelists:  
I do not feel that putting the needs of another ANC re: Jelleff field before the needs of the immediate neighbors adjacent to the field is appropriate for this ANC.

20:17:38 From David Patton to Everyone:  
You bumped Cynthia Collier without hearing from her.

20:17:52 From Maryanne Sandretti to Everyone:  
Many thanks to the ANC for their extensive time and efforts in gathering information from experts, DC agencies, and getting community input on this project and on the creation of this Resolution. I'm impressed with my neighborhood ANC. I support the Resolution. I strongly support the Maret School's plan for fields at the ECC. The Maret-ECC partnership would be an enormous benefit for both schools, our neighborhood, and the city. My children and my niece are graduates of Maret and I feel the school has a proven record of giving back to the community and honoring its commitments.

20:18:21 From Eric Langenbacher to Everyone:  
I agree wholeheartedly with Elizabeth. Except that she was perhaps too diplomatic...the community was almost 100% against the deal Maret received. It was so controversial that it also helped to motivate Councilmember Pinto's "FUN" Act to prevent such things in the future. It is only just for Maret to give up Jelleff once this project is implemented.

20:19:27 From Lionel Brown to Everyone:  
Deep appreciation and thanks to the ANC for a very thoughtful, engaging and transparent process. As others noted, the Commissioners' dedication to a fair process is admirable, despite the time commitment. Thank you!

20:20:19 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

Eric you make an excellent point. DPR called a community meeting before renewal and then unilaterally renewed the contract with no transparency. Thus, this transparent process is strengthening the democratic process and is a way forward. Thanks for all this hard work.

20:23:34 From Cynthia Collier to Everyone:

Hi David, I gave my comment. It was just a brief comment about needing to clarify whether Maret will be held to the current definition of a 25 year storm or a 25 year storm as defined at the time they apply for permits (assuming DC updates the storm definitions in the interim). I'm satisfied with the commissioners' response.

20:23:46 From Peter Zamora to Everyone:

Great points, Jennifer Backus. We completely agree. and support the resolution. Thank you to the ANC for all your thoughtful work.

20:25:13 From Shoshana Rosenbaum to Everyone:

I am a former, current, and future Hardy parent (three different students). I have observed for years how Hardy's field is inadequate for its athletic programs. Many DC public schools are built next to public recreation facilities with the expectation that those public entities will share the space. Maret's use of the field -- and the restrictions they set in NOT sharing the field with Hardy students in key after school hours -- is not in keeping with this public ethos. I commend the ANC for examining this issue and hope that this situation is eventually rectified so that Hardy has access to the public field space adjacent to it.

20:26:46 From Molly Bryant to Host and Panelists:

I am ready to go on

20:28:01 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

If I understand the Jelleff comments correctly...Maret was such a poor neighbor in working out an amenable agreement with the neighborhood, that all of those folks at Hardy want the ANC here to approve the deal so that they leave their neighborhood?!?! That is a ringing endorsement of Maret, for sure

20:28:46 From Eric Langenbacher to Everyone:

I would also add that what ANC 3/4G is doing to help folks in ANC2E with the Jelleff situation is so deeply appreciated. It is indeed a great example of the democratic process at work. But, it is also a little disconcerting that this is even necessary given what District agencies have done.

20:29:46 From Ian Cameron to Everyone:

Shoshana, I just want to clarify that Maret did not set the restrictions on use at Jelleff. You and I have had many good conversations regarding Jelleff and I'm concerned that you are leaving the wrong impression here. This is a DPR field. In return for Maret's investment in

building the Jelleff field we were provided use of the field during certain hours in certain seasons. The permitting process is run by DPRI. Thanks!

20:30:02 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

The concern is that they won't sell it but let it sit fallow

20:31:06 From Michael McCaughan to Host and Panelists:

I want to thank the commissioners for their thoughtful and balanced resolution. I know an extraordinary amount of work went into it and greatly appreciate the careful deliberations. As a close but not immediate neighbor I would prefer to see more youth sports use permitted, but I also understand the need to balance competing interests. I strongly support the resolution and conditions in that spirit.

20:31:11 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

Shoshana's comment does speak to DPR, as does Eric's. This democratic process is vital but only if we take community feedback and make decisions that have a vision for the city as a whole.

20:31:46 From Charles Cadwell to Host and Panelists:

Randy,

20:32:55 From Ian Cameron to Everyone:

Leeya, I was just clarifying that Maret did not set restrictions at Jelleff. That is DPR's responsibility. Thanks very much.

20:33:49 From Ami Neiberger-Miller to Everyone:

Jane, Thanks for your question. There is a demand for the services ECC offers. Many of our peer nonpublic programs serving children with special needs from DC have been forced to close. Many of the students who need our services have needs that outpace their neighborhood schools. Their needs cannot be met through mainstreaming in their local schools. As a result they are referred to a program like ECC. Many DCPS students needing our therapeutic and special education services are currently being bussed out of DC to programs in VA and MD instead. We are in conversations with OSSE and DCPS LEA and there is a need for our services for children with special needs. Due to the nature of the referral process, it does take a little time for student referrals to build up to a higher level so 10 is a reasonable number for re-starting.

20:34:40 From Tom Sneeringer to Host and Panelists:

Thank you Commissioners for your hard work and transparency. We know Maret as a responsible and responsive institution, both as educator and neighbor. The Friends group has raised some legitimate issues and Maret appears to have addressed them with integrity and transparency. I'm glad some accommodations have been possible. My sense, however, is that there will always be some ground found to prevent a final negotiated solution. Time to vote and move the process forward.

20:35:00 From Eric Langenbacher to Everyone:

Ian, I don't think that is entirely correct. One condition for Maret's initial investment in 2009 or whenever was exclusive/preferential use during certain times. The 2019 renewal also contains this stipulation in my recollection.

20:35:04 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

Ian, I agree that city agencies need to be held accountable. Thus, this early process with ECC is great. The critical gap lies in taking the community feedback into account by city agencies.

20:39:02 From David Patton to Everyone:

PUDO = Pick Up Drop Off

20:39:03 From Bocanegra / Rathbone to Host and Panelists:

pick up drop off

20:39:05 From Sherry Rutherford to Everyone:

Pick up drop off

20:39:11 From Ian Cameron to Everyone:

Eric, I was just taking issue with the assertion that Maret set restrictions. The school didn't. Maret entered into an agreement with DPR where in return for the school's investment to build the field it was given permitted use during after school hours. DPR is responsible for the permitting at Jelleff.

20:41:05 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

It would be fair to say that the maintenance of the field cost to Maret was negotiated with DPR to pay towards the purchase; and in return hours were negotiated. However, our case is that stakeholder consultations are not just a check box. There was a significant failure in the city's commitment to its public school stakeholders and after school programs.

20:41:13 From elizabethmiller to Everyone:

They just happen to permit Maret for the most in demand after school hours and weekends in spring and fall. At this point, we just support the condition put forth by AMC 3/4G that when you develop the ECC field you negotiate out of the Jelleff contract. There is a lot of demand for fields and I am hopeful you will be willing to share once you have the ECC field.

20:42:59 From Joel Velasco to Host and Panelists:

Thank you Molly Bryant for persevering!

20:44:06 From David Patton to Everyone:

OK.

20:44:14 From Jami Milanovich to Everyone:



Regarding the Oregon Avenue issue - the CTR used historical traffic volumes from 2017 (because of the ongoing pandemic). The historical counts were taken when Oregon Avenue was open (pre-construction). Those historical volumes were then grown to the current year using a conservative growth rate, so we believe that the volume of traffic associated with Oregon Avenue reopening has been adequately taken into account in the CTR.

20:44:16 From Leeya Mehta to Everyone:

Thank you so much - much appreciate all this hard work.

20:44:57 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

Jami, that was not what DOTT said at the meeting last week

20:44:58 From Ian Cameron to Everyone:

Elizabeth, I completely agree with you that there is huge demand for fields in DC. That's why we are here. Thanks for your support.

20:45:09 From Paul Fisher to Everyone:

DDOT

20:45:14 From Richard Gervase (he/him) to Everyone:

YES to once again providing schooling for children like Molly's in our neighborhood!

20:45:21 From Maryanne Sandretti to Everyone:

Thanks

20:45:25 From David Patton to Everyone:

Construction disruption on Oregon began December 2016.

20:45:58 From Maryanne Sandretti to Everyone:

Thanks for saving the chat!