

Friday 12/16/2022

Subject Line – Meet the ANC’s ECC/Maret Field Task Force

Hello Neighbors,

On December 5, 2022, ANC 3/4G created a Task Force made up of Commissioners and members of the community to monitor the construction phase of the ECC/Maret field project. The purpose of the Task Force is to ensure that ECC/Maret and their General Contractor (GC) uphold the commitments made in regard to the construction of the new field at the ECC in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed between Maret and the ANC in March 2022. The MOU called for the creation of the Field Task Force. The MOU consists of the ANC Resolution and the conditions Maret agreed to with the ANC. You can read the whole MOU here:

<https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ANC-34G-Resolution-re-Maret-BZA-Case-No.-20643-2-28-22-FINAL.pdf>

We are your new Task Force members and we are excited to get to work on behalf of the community. We wanted to share a little bit of information below to help you understand who we are, what our mandate is, how we plan to operate, and how to get in touch with us. This is the first of what we hope will be regular updates although we expect future updates to be much shorter than this update.

We want folks to know that construction has not yet begun on the field at the ECC. You may see construction happening on the ECC campus now but that is to the ECC buildings, not the ECC/Maret Field Construction which is what our Task Force is tasked with monitoring. Maret has indicated that they will begin tree work in the first quarter of 2023. The tree work is the first part of the Maret field project within the purview of the Task Force. We hope to share updates from the Maret team about what they are planning in the next few weeks.

We are excited for the work ahead and look forward to working closely with the community. Below please find some important information about us and what the Task Force will be doing in the next month.

Thanks. – ANC Field Task Force

WHO WE ARE:

Incoming ANC Commissioner Jim Nash – SMD 3, MANITOWOC77@gmail.com

Incoming ANC Commissioner Bruce Sherman – SMD 2, brucesherman5@gmail.com

Mike Osborne – Co-Chair, former member of the ANC Ingleside Expansion Task Force, michaelosborne457@gmail.com

Jenny Backus – Co-Chair, Nebraska Avenue, backusconsulting@gmail.com

Marek Gootman, 29th Street, mgootman@usa.net

Lisa Gore, Incoming Chair of ANC 3/4G, is an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Task Force. Trey Holloway from Maret, Stephanie Nash from the ECC, and Johnny Seikaly from MCN Build, the Maret Project Manager, serve as non-voting members of the Task Force and will attend Task Force meetings to update members on the construction of the project. Summaries of those updates will be shared with the community.

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

- The Task Force is designed to get questions and concerns from the community about the construction of the new field addressed quickly and efficiently by Maret/ECC/General Contractor (GC).
- The Task Force will conduct our work in a transparent manner with a focus on respectful listening and speaking.
- Working with the ECC, Maret, and the GC, we will provide factual information to the community quickly and transparently and work to ensure clear lines of communication between all parties involved.
- Through meetings of the Task Force, public walkthroughs, and regular updates, we will keep the community apprised of how the work is going, what's coming next, and what, if any, concerns have been raised and how they are being addressed.

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING:

- Developing a Framework to present to Maret/ECC/GC on how the Task Force will operate, including monitoring and acting on community questions and concerns around the construction. This is required by the MOU.
- Setting a regular briefing and public meeting schedule.
- Sharing accurate information about the project with the community on a timely basis.
- Ensuring citizen complaints are addressed and resolved in a timely manner.
- Holding Maret/ECC/GC accountable.
- Making recommendations to the ANC to levy fines if there's a violation of the MOU and resolution is not achieved, up to a total maximum of \$25,000 per the MOU.

WHAT WE WILL NOT BE DOING:

- Revisiting whether or not this project will happen – the BZA unanimously approved the project on April 9, 2022, following ANC unanimous support of the project with MOU and conditions in March 2022.
- Overseeing the parts of the MOU concerning future field use or traffic that are not related to the current construction phase; our mandate is solely to oversee the construction of the project and will cease operations two months after completion.
- Challenging any permits granted by a DC government agency concerning construction work at the Maret site.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

- Right now there is no construction happening on the site.

- Maret/ECC have indicated that they will begin initial tree work in consultation with arborists from their team and the city in the first quarter of 2023. They already have permits from Urban Forestry for this work.
- More information on that will be in future reports.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

- Task Force email address – ancfieldtf@gmail.com
- Task Force webpage on the ANC 3/4G website (See link below)
- [ANC 3/4G Field Construction Task Force Community Question/Complaint Form](#) (Will also be linked to on the ANC3/4G Task Force webpage)

TASK FORCE MEETING SCHEDULE:

- The Task Force will meet twice a month in the evening on Mondays when the ANC does not meet. One of our meetings will be open to the public each month.
- Our first public Task Force meeting will be on Zoom on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. (This will be on a Wednesday due to the holiday). Zoom details/RSVP link will be shared on this site and on neighborhood listservs in early January 2023.
- All of our public meetings will be on Zoom and will be conducted in the same manner as Zoom meetings of the ANC.
- Once construction begins on the Maret site, we will hold one walkthrough of the site that is open to the public every month. The date and time of any public walkthrough will be advertised through the listserv and the Task Force website (link below).

DRAFT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 18, 2023 TASK FORCE MEETING:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Goals/Mission of the Task Force
- Update on Task Force work on MOU Framework
- Construction update from Maret/ECC/GC
- Review of the process to receive and review community questions and complaints
- Questions from the Public

KEY DATES RE ECC/MARET FIELD CONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

3/15/22 – ANC/Maret MOU signed

4/9/22 – DC BZA unanimously approves the project

11/14/22 – Maret & their GC inform ANC that they have begun the pre-construction site survey process

12/5/22 – ANC Field Task Force Created

12/5/22 – Initial Organizing Meeting of the Task Force. Task Force names Mike Osborne and Jenny Backus Co-Chairs.

12/12/22 – ANC Meeting

12/13/22 – First Task Force Update goes out announcing Task Force organizing principles, members, meeting schedule/format, and providing initial informational links to the Community

12/19/22 – Task Force Organizing Meeting
1/9/23 – First Public Meeting of the Task Force

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

[Maret Athletic Facilities Project Website](#) – Designed to provide updated information about the construction of the project to the community. Includes maps, timelines, and contact information for Maret’s Construction Manager. Maret is mandated by the MOU to post updates to this site and the Task Force will be monitoring the site to ensure up-to-date info is being provided. The MOU signed by the ANC and Maret is linked to the [Maret webpage](#). The MOU contains a detailed explanation of what the project is and is not and also includes important information about the use of the field once construction is completed. There has been a great deal of misinformation in the community about the project. Again, here’s the link to the MOU through the ANC website:

<https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ANC-34G-Resolution-re-Maret-BZA-Case-No.-20643-2-28-22-FINAL.pdf>

The ANC created a dedicated page on its own website for the Task Force. Here’s a link to that page: https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/

WHERE YOU CAN FIND FIELD TASK FORCE UPDATES

The Chevy Chase List Serv
Chevy Chase Chatter Facebook Group
Next Door
ANC 3/4G Website on the ANC Field Task Force Page
Maret Athletic Facilities Project Page