

## ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING 2-15-23

### COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/COMPLAINTS

**\*Note - These questions were aired, addressed and answered during the 2-15 Task Force meeting.**

Link to the recording of the 2/15/23 Task Force meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/QJJqePS3Y-hX9Z4WZJFGMrgZp9MVHzA\\_hxMI84JcGHOd-IH1yQDEHMLDF83RsogM.CJE0ZTMPkdYSR3jq](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/QJJqePS3Y-hX9Z4WZJFGMrgZp9MVHzA_hxMI84JcGHOd-IH1yQDEHMLDF83RsogM.CJE0ZTMPkdYSR3jq)

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Link to ANC Field Task Force Complaint Form - <https://forms.gle/U1y5eh7G3bwDRXkMA>

Link to the RSVP form for the Task Force meeting on 3/22/23 - <https://forms.gle/SJccTTGDL5JP4uF46>

#### Questions/Complaints/Comments received the ANC Task Force Complaint Form through 2/15

Wendy Lubic of Utah Avenue filed a comment on 2/7 saying "I am very much against the permits given for tree removal on the ECC property on Nebraska before the BZA approval of the Maret Field project"

Kathy Abbruzzetti of Utah Avenue filed a comment on 2/10 saying "*I'm so disappointed in the process of cutting down these giant trees. They are cutting these large trees at the base of the tree and just letting them fall to the ground - creating huge vibrations in our homes, sending debris flying. They should be taking these trees down in pieces instead of just pushing them over to crash to the ground.*"

Claudia Russell of Nebraska Ave filed a question on 2/13 saying "*There are trees located on the property line and/or very, very close to my home that will be taken down. How will these be taken down and how will my home be protected by Maret? There is no alley separation.*"

Claudia also knocked on my door yesterday - 2-14- around 11:00 AM and said Maret had cut down a tree on her property and I needed to address it immediately. I was on a work call but emailed Trey and Mike Osborne and Mike and I headed down there about 15 minutes later. I was going to meet Lisa Gore at the site anyway and pinged her that Mike and I were headed over to Claudia's house and so she joined us. We learned that the workers were taking down a tree on the ECC property that had branches that went onto her property line and they needed to cut some branches off before bringing the tree down so came into her backyard without asking her permission to collect the debris. She was rightly concerned she did not have enough notice that work was going to be happening and that folks were on her property and property line without her acknowledgment. We passed those concerns directly on to Maret and stressed the need for advance notice and improved communication in situations like this.

We also received an email from Nancy Voisin late last night who lives next door to Claudia on 28th Street with some similar concerns re: notice and concerns about debris on her property. We shared those with the Maret-ECC team as well

#### Questions that came in via the RSVP form for the 2/15 ANC Field Task Meeting

Mary Callahan posted this question on the RSVP form. "*At the last task force meeting, we were told Maret needed to move ahead with relocating heritage trees now, before the final permitting of their development has been approved, because they needed to move the heritage trees while those are dormant. So why are they cutting down all of the trees on the site, before full approval of this development, when those can be cut down at any time? When will the District finally get its act together to coordinate its agencies that preside over development? Why was DDOT /Urban Forestry allowed to let Maret proceed with cutting down ALL of the trees before final permitting for the development of the site was issued?" There now have been healthy trees now cut down OUTSIDE of the ECC fence on the Rittenhouse alley. How did this happen? Does ECC also own the alley?*

Ellen Lazarus posted these two questions/comments "(1) Will you (ECC/Maret) please cease any further tree work until the BZA has issued their written approval of the sports fields construction? Your (Maret's) argument that any tree work postponement will delay further construction for another year is unpersuasive: Homeowners in DC have to post permits before commencing construction; why are you (ECC/Maret) exempt? (2) If not, will you please consider postponing excavation and displacement of the remaining intact heritage trees given the current temperatures and warming trend? The trees are no longer dormant, so attempts at transplanting them would be detrimental to their survival."