

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #5 - 4/20/2023

Hello Neighbors,

On Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00 to 7:40 PM, the ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our fourth public meeting via Zoom. Below is a quick summary of the meeting and the link & passcode to watch the Zoom recording of the full meeting is pasted below. We are also in the process of posting the recording and this update to our ANC Field Task Force website.

RECORDING OF 4/19 MEETING

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These materials are also posted on our ANC Field Task Force website page which can be found at https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/

The 4/19 meeting was called to order by Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus at 7:05 PM. Four of the five Task Force members were in attendance at the beginning including Co-Chair Jenny Backus, ANC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman, Task Force Community Member Marek Gootman, along with Co-Chair Mike Osborne. Task Force member ANC 3/4G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash joined later in the meeting.

In addition, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret, Tom Nesmith from MCN Build, and ANC ¾ G Commission Chair Lisa Gore and Commissioner Jim Nash were in attendance. There were 7 community members who RSVP'd via the RSVP form and four members of the community joined on Zoom throughout the meeting.

The meeting included an update from Maret and MCN Build regarding activities to date on the field, questions from the Task Force members, a review of community questions and concerns to date that have been received by the Task Force, and questions from community members in attendance.

Top line highlights of the meeting include:

- The tree transplantation process is well underway. All four Heritage trees have been trenched and two out of the four trees have been moved. They believe they are still on track to have the transplantation process complete by the end of April barring any issues.
- The next step in the process will be to install irrigation on site. Folks may see some contractors on site in the coming days to prepare for that stage of the process. Work has begun inside the Media Center building to make that possible including the rough-in of electrical work that will power a pump that will bring water to the site/trees. MCN reported that the pump has been ordered and should be installed next week.
- Maret/MCN build showed some photos of the tree transplantation process and described what happens to the places on the field where the trees originally were located. They are covered with dirt (which is tarped if there is inclement weather/rain forecast), the hole is backfilled and seeded down, and covered with straw for erosion control.
- They also reported that they continue to work with and are in consultation with various DC government agencies and there have been regular visits to the site by the site safety supervisor and other DC officials. They told the Task Force that the DC Urban Forestry Department has asked for some more fencing on the site to protect the trees.
- The retaining wall at 5833 Nebraska that got hit by a truck has been repaired. The Task Force members thanked MCN/Maret for their quick response to this concern.

- It was noted that the BZA has issued their final written orders for the Maret ECC Field project on April 12, 2023. [A copy can be found here.](#)
- The Maret team also announced that they are bringing on a new team member in the coming weeks, the firm [Brailsford and Dunlavey](#) (B&D) to serve as Maret's representative on the construction team. Brailsford and Dunlavey specialize in working with schools, colleges, and athletic teams on construction, management, and community outreach. They will work closely with the Maret/MCN team on permitting, community outreach, and fiscal management. Trey Holloway from Maret told the Task Force he hopes to introduce the new rep from B&D at the next Task Force meeting.
- Commissioner Sherman and Co-Chair Backus gave a quick update on behalf of Stephanie Nash from ECC on construction work happening in the next week on the ECC project. The ECC has been asked to construct a 2-acre bio-retention field to contain stormwater runoff and that field needs to be connected to the public sewer works on Utah Ave. There will be lane closures on Utah for several days. You can see the wall through the fence along Utah.
- The Task Force then went on to review community concerns. Trey Holloway and MCN informed the community about a concern raised by a neighbor who lives adjacent to the site that was also flagged in the Maret/MCN monthly report about work starting early on the site. The neighbor shared a video of work happening on the site at 6:45 AM. Maret/MCN build announced they had directly raised that issue with the subcontractors and stressed the 7:00 AM work start time. Task Force Co-Chair Mike Osborne stressed the importance of maintaining these hours and preventing future early starts..
- The Task Force Co-Chairs shared a question that ANC Commissioner Zeldin had received about the grading of the field. Neighbors had noticed that from where the trees were moved to that the field seemed high up on the property. MCN and Maret stressed that neighbors should not judge the height of the field until the larger construction process begins and long-term grading has been completed.
- Task Force members raised the idea of doing an update briefing for the community to remind folks what the project is, share photos and plans again, and set the stage before the next phase of the project. Commissioner Sherman offered to help organize and bring in SMD 2 constituents and the other Commissioners offered help as well. Maret and MCN said they had been thinking about the same idea. Stay tuned for more details on this in May/ early June before folks start leaving for summer break.
- The Task Force co-chairs told the TF members that no additional complaints had been raised since the last meeting on the complaint form, the RSVP form for the meeting, or via the Task Force email. The Co-Chairs stressed the importance of using the ANC Field email ancfieldtf@gmail.com and the [ANC Task Force Complaint/Question](#) form so questions could be tracked and shared for transparency and urged all the ANC Commissioners to steer any constituent questions and requests to these resources.
- Community concerns raised since our last Task Force meeting included one complaint about noise starting early in the morning, one complaint about dust from the mulching of the tree branches on site, one question directed at the ECC /Maret/MCN about mud puddles on Nebraska and Utah and water runoff on the site now that some of the trees have been removed and one complaint about trucks idling longer than DC law allows. Commissioner Sherman also raised a concern about a truck that backed up and cracked a stone along the wall of Nebraska Ave.
- MCN/Maret assured the Task Force that they had already or would in the future address these concerns directly and had visited with two of the neighbors who had raised concerns and would come out to examine the stone/wall that Commissioner Sherman had flagged in the meeting
- Community members attending the meeting asked questions about the tree transplant process, whether there are arborists on site, how the watering of the Heritage Trees is working and questions about the use of and the types of turf Maret is considering for the site. It was agreed that the Task Force should focus part of a future meeting on turf in the coming weeks/months.
- The Task Force chairs stressed the importance of using the ANC Field email ancfieldtf@gmail.com and the [ANC Task Force Complaint/Question](#) form so questions could be tracked and shared for transparency.

The meeting concluded at 7:43 PM.

The next meeting of the ANC Field Task Force will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST. You can RSVP to attend [here](#).

Thank you to all the community members who have submitted questions, sent comments, and attended the meetings, to the ECC and Maret/MCN build folks for reacting quickly to questions and concerns, and to the ANC Commission Chair and 3/4G ANC Commissioners for their help, advice, and guidance. We are committed to working closely and transparently on behalf of the community. Below please find some important information about the Task Force and a summary of the Maret/MCN update/Progress report that was discussed at the 4/19 meeting.

Mike Osborne & Jenny Backus, Task Force Co-Chairs, on behalf of the Task Force

MARET/MCN BUILD UPDATE

Maret and MCN release monthly Progress Reports about the Field. You can find the Progress Reports posted on Maret's ECC Construction Website. Here is the link to the web page

<https://www.maret.org/athletics/proposed-new-fields-at-ecc/construction> and [here is the link to the report released on 4/13/22](#)

Each Progress Report includes a look back, a look forward, and pictures of activity that has happened to date.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

- Task Force email address - ancfieldtf@gmail.com
- [Task Force webpage](#) on the ANC 3/4G website - https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/
- [ANC 3/4G Field Construction Task Force Community Question/Complaint Form](#)

TASK FORCE MEETING SCHEDULE:

- **Our next public Task Force meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST. [Please RSVP here](#).**
- All of our public meetings will be on Zoom and will be conducted in the same manner as Zoom meetings of the ANC.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR MAY 17, 2023 TASK FORCE MEETING:

- Welcome
- Construction update from Maret/ECC/GC
- Questions/Comments/Complaints from the Public

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

The ANC created a [dedicated page on its own website for the Task Force](#).

https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/

[Maret Athletic Facilities Project Website](#) - <https://www.maret.org/athletics/proposed-new-fields-at-ecc/construction>

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. They will post the latest [Progress Report](#) in the calendar section

[The BZA issued their final written order](#) for the Maret ECC field project on April 12, 2023.

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. 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>

WHERE YOU CAN FIND FIELD TASK FORCE UPDATES

The Chevy Chase ListServ

Chevy Chase Chatter Facebook Group

Next Door

[ANC 3/4G Website on the ANC Field Task Force Page](#)

[Maret Athletic Facilities Project Page](#)

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 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:

- 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.