

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #6 - 5/18/2023

Hello Neighbors,

On Wednesday, May 17 from 7:00 to 7:40 PM, the ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our fifth 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 5/17 MEETING

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/B4kdwgbnMDEQiuKaN_4huhMjVjhSR-LGhE-IPL7ebxMp3y8Xho3OvAHtu7jcOoVR.avdvc3xq_HK-5pPo

Passcode: kda%&0SN

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 5/17 meeting was called to order by Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus at 7:03 PM. Four of the five Task Force members were in attendance including Co-Chair Mike Osborne, Task Force Community Member Marek Gootman, along with NC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman. In addition, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret, Johnny Seikaly from MCN Build, and Stephanie Nash from the ECC were in attendance. There were 3 community members who RSVP'd via the RSVP form and 1 member of the community joined on Zoom throughout the meeting.

Trey Holloway introduced the meeting attendees and the Task Force to Terry Fauntleroy from [Brailsford and Dunlavy](#), the new firm he had mentioned that Maret was bringing on to serve as their "owner's rep" at our last Task Force meeting. Terry and Trey talked about how BDConnect will be assisting Maret with timelines, budgets, and permitting and working closely with MCN Build on community outreach and engagement.

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 the community member in attendance. One complaint had been lodged via the [ANC Field TF Complaint form](#) regarding the placement of the final Heritage Tree.

Top line highlights of the meeting include:

- The tree transplantation process is complete and all four Heritage trees have been successfully moved. The irrigation system is installed for all of the transplanted trees and the engineers have been out multiple times to check everything and ensure trees are healthy and everything is working properly. The team has backfilled the soil and seeded and strawed over the areas where the trees were originally.
- A neighbor had contacted the Task Force via the [ANC Field Task Force Complaint form](#) about the position of the 4th tree that was moved adjacent to her house. It appeared from photos she provided that the tree could fall over onto her property. Trey Holloway said they had contacted the neighbor and confirmed with the engineers and tree specialists that the tree was secure and there was wiring holding it in place.

- MCN announced that now the tree transplanted project was complete, they would be providing window washing for adjacent neighbors most impacted by the dust. The TF will work with MCN to identify the neighbors and follow-up.
- The ECC site should be relatively quiet over the summer while Maret/MCN and BD Connect finalize budgeting, timelines and planning. The construction orange signs have been removed from Nebraska Ave.
- The TF asked Maret to update the community about what is coming next in terms of the project and reshare plans of what the field would look like since their sign (which had been defaced) is not up anymore. Commissioner Sherman also said folks were interested in what kinds of plantings and new trees Maret was planning for on the site.
- Commissioner Sherman also highlighted some concerns he said he heard from community members including the chemical PFAS and the use of artificial turf, and a request for any updated plans for traffic flow and congestion mitigation once the field is built.
- 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 7:48 PM.

The next meeting of the ANC Field Task Force will be on Wednesday, June 14, 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/BDConnect 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 5/17 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 5/10/23](#)

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 June, May 14, 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 ANC Zoom meetings.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR JUNE 14, 2023 TASK FORCE MEETING:

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

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

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

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 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

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.