

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #14

The ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our thirteenth public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Below is a quick summary of the meeting and the link and passcode to watch the Zoom recording of the full meeting is pasted below. We are in the process of posting the recording and this update to our ANC Field Task Force website which can be found [here](#).

RECORDING OF 5/8/24 MEETING

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ATTENDEES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus at 7:03 PM and was adjourned at 8:13 PM. Four of the six voting Task Force members were in attendance including Co-Chair Mike Osborne, At-Large Member Marek Gootman, and ANC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman. ANC 3/4G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash and ANC 3/4G-01 ANC 3/4G Commission Chair Lisa Gore were unable to attend the meeting nor could ECC's Stephanie Nash.

In addition, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret, Johnny Seikaly from MCN, and Terry Fauntleroy, Deisy Brangmann, Jordan Ogbonna from Brailsford & Dunlavey, Maret's Owner's Representative for the field project, attended the meeting as did Maret Principal Dennis Bisgaard.

Also joining the call at Maret's invitation were Joseph Khoury, one of the owners of MCN Build and Will Mangrum, an Executive Vice President from Brailsford and Dunlavey.

Four community members joined the Zoom throughout the meeting. Maret's bi-weekly progress report which was sent out via email to the community on May 1, 2024 was reviewed in detail at the meeting. [A copy can be found here](#) and on the Maret and ANC Task Force websites listed below.

The Task Force announced gratefully that ANC Commissioner Peter Gosselin has updated the [ANC Task Force website](#) and posted all recent TF updates as well as the calendar for future TF Meetings.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - ROOT PRUNING OF TREES COMPLETE/BASKETBALL COURT IS DOWN AND TURNED INTO PARKING FOR CONTRACTORS/WORK CONTINUES ON EROSION CONTROL/EXCAVATION ON NEBRASKA AVE & AROUND THE FIELD.

- Root pruning for all of the site trees has been completed. MCN will continue to implement tree preservation measures per the approved DDOT TPP.
- Removal of the basketball court and pool has been completed and replaced with parking for contractors.
- The installation of the temporary erosion and sediment control measures discussed at earlier meetings are underway per the approved DDOE plans.
- The wet utility excavation on Nebraska Avenue has started and will continue for the next two weeks.
- The support of excavation (sheeting & shoring) work has started with the west end of the field and will continue until the end of May as work proceeds around the field in a clockwise fashion.

TRAFFIC UPDATE -TRAFFIC FLAGGERS TO CONTINUE ON NEBRASKA AVE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS/COMMISSIONER NASH THANKS MARET FOR PUTTING UP SIDEWALK SIGNS & REQUESTS THEY TALK TO DDOT ABOUT A POSSIBLE CROSSWALK NEAR NEW CONSTRUCTION SITE ENTRANCE.

- Although he could not attend the May 8 meeting, ANC 3G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash, who is the Chair of ANC 3/4G Transportation Committee and whose District abuts the ECC property along Utah Ave, sent in the following comment for Maret and the Construction team in advance.
 - *I did want to thank the team for installing the pedestrian signs about the closed sidewalk near the crosswalk that is east of the closure. They have not done this to the west of the closure, but that is, I think, because there is no crosswalk near by, the closest one is at the intersection of Nebraska and Utah. If I were at the meeting, I would ask the team to ask DDOT to install a crosswalk across Nebraska Ave. close to the sidewalk closure, after the final curb cut driveway entering the school, near the top of the hill. Then the team could install a sign near the crosswalk similar to the one they put east of the closure. A crosswalk there might be a good idea long term, as people may want to cross the street there to enter the playing fields.*
- Maret told the Commission that they had also had a conversation in recent days with Commissioner Nash directly about his concerns and reminded the Task Force that the original site plan includes a crosswalk near the field once the project is completed.
- TF Co-Chair Backus, who lives across the street from the entrance, told the construction team that despite the flaggers, some neighbors, especially walkers with baby carriages and dogs, continued to ignore the signs and walk in front of the entrance and urged extra caution for those entering and exiting the site.
- Commissioner Sherman, who also lives across the street from the site, flagged the need for coordination and communication with DDOT around all the construction projects happening around the ECC and in the ANC to ensure road closures, flaggers and scheduled work don't shut down traffic and movement in the neighborhood.

TASK FORCE CONCERNS - COMMISSIONER OSBORNE CALLS FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND TRANSPARENCY BY CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AND MARET

- TF Co-Chair Osborne took the opportunity to address present MCN Build and B&D leadership directly as to what he sees as a lack of community outreach, continuing failures to notify neighbors and the sharing of wrong information with neighbors.
- He also expressed frustration on how the companies have responded to neighbors concerns around erosion control.
- He told the companies and Maret that they needed to do better and that their failures were hurting Maret's reputation in the community.
- MCN Builders and B&D acknowledged his concerns and reported that they had already started working on critical improvements including more dedicated staff, improved communication protocols and weekly updates.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS - CONFUSING SIGNAGE / CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE SATURDAY & HOLIDAY WORK REQUESTS - TASK FORCE REQUESTS UPDATED PROJECT TIMELINE BEFORE FURTHER DISCUSSION

- Maret addressed the confusing signs that were posted on Rittenhouse Street after the last TF meeting that referenced staging on public streets. A community member had flagged the signs to Commissioner Sherman. Maret said these signs were posted in error, **that all staging for the project will be done on the field and there is and will be no staging on public streets.**
- Although there were no "official complaints" submitted via the form on the TF website since the last meeting, TF members and Commissioners reported concerned emails and questions from community

members about the item in the most recent Maret Progress Report that talked about possible Saturday and Holiday hours.

- Maret stressed that no Saturday or Holiday construction work has been scheduled yet and if they decide they need to do work on those days going forward, that they will be transparent, follow the processes outlined in the MOU between Maret and ANC and give the TF and the community as much advance notice as possible.
- Maret stated that the current MOU negotiated between the ANC and Maret allows for Saturday work but Maret would have to come back to the ANC to discuss possible holiday work and in either case the TF and the community would be fully briefed before such work started. The four holidays coming up in 2024 are Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 4th of July and Labor Day.
- TF Co-Chair Osborne expressed reservations about Saturday and Holiday work, especially since many folks use their backyards during the Memorial Day and 4th of July holidays.
- TF Community Member Gootman asked Maret & the Construction Teams for an updated timeline for project completion and noted that was essential information for the TF, the ANC and the community to have to put the request for extra work days in context and to understand how working these days would help move the project to completion.
- Trey Holloway from Maret said he would follow up on the request for an updated timeline as soon as he could but needed to check in with his Board and his team.

CONVERSATION WITH CONSTRUCTION TEAM LEADERS ABOUT NEED FOR IMPROVED COMMUNITY OUTREACH - NEW OUTREACH TEAM AND COMMS PLAN UNVEILED - PROJECT REPORTS FOR THE COMMUNITY WILL BE WEEKLY INSTEAD OF EVERY 2 WEEKS - TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION TEAM AND MARET DO SOME ON-THE-GROUND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- MCN Build Co-owner Joseph Khoury and executives from Brailsford & Dunlavey took on the concerns raised by TF members about poor community outreach and highlighted specific improvements their teams would be undertaking
 - Johnny Seikaly - a senior executive at MCN Build who has been the community relations lead for the project will remain as lead but MCN Build will also do more, and identify and introduce MCN Build project leads who are on site all the time to the TF and the Community.
 - Terry Fauntleroy from B&D announced their new operating procedures and shared new contact info with the TF on May 9.
 - B&D's Deisy Brangman is finalizing updated communications protocols for the TF to use to communicate community concerns swiftly. They pledged to use the email list developed by Maret for time sensitive announcements and updates.
 - The Construction team & Maret will move from issuing the Maret Project updates from once every two weeks to weekly.
- TF Community Member Gootman suggested to Maret and the Construction teams that it would also be helpful to schedule some community good will events and informational sessions at the site, which Holloway said were already under consideration.

TASK FORCE TO WORK WITH MARET & CONSTRUCTION TEAM ON IMPROVED EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS (INCLUDING A POSSIBLE ON-SITE EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY) & WORK WITH ANC COMMISSIONERS TO ENSURE COMMUNITY MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND HOW TO REGISTER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

- The Task Force members also discussed ways to make sure everyone in the community is aware of what is happening on the site and knows how to ask questions and raise any concerns.
- TF Co-Chair Backus announced that the ANC had finally updated the [TF page](#) where updates and key info is posted.

- The Task Force will work with Maret and their Construction Team to try and forecast key issues that will be addressed in monthly meetings and communicate that via list serves, email lists and outreach..

LOOK AHEAD:

- Completion of the wet utility work on Nebraska Ave - next two weeks
- Continuing “SHORING & SHEETING” around the site throughout May
- Maret Project Updates for the Community to start coming out weekly
- Updated Project Timeline to be shared with the community
- TF to cover New Communication Protocols & Saturday and Holiday work requests at next meeting

The 5/8 ANC Field Task Force meeting ended at 8:13 PM.

THE NEXT FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, June 12 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- The Zoom Link will be the same for each meeting and the Task Force will send out a RSVP form for each meeting as part of our regular community update.
- [You can RSVP for the 6/12/24 meeting here](#) and we will notify you if there is a change to the meeting time.
- **STANDING TASK FORCE ZOOM LINK**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89538477321?pwd=cmxmd1F2Tjkzb3ZmQ200ZmRZM3g2QT09>
 - **Meeting ID: 895 3847 7321**
 - **Passcode: 273823**

DRAFT AGENDA FOR JUNE 1 2024 TASK FORCE MEETING:

- Welcome
 - Construction update from Maret/ECC/GC
 - Questions/Comments from the Task Force and the ANC Commissioners
 - Questions/Comments/Complaints from the Public
- (Please note this agenda is the same for every Task Force meeting.)

REVISED 2024 ANC FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING DATES AS OF 2/13/24

Month	TF Meetings
January	Wed., Jan 10 at 7 PM
February	Wed., Feb. 7 at 7 PM
March	Wed, March 6 at 7 PM
April	Wed, April 10 at 7 PM,
May	Wed, May 8 at 7 PM
June	Wed, June 12 at 7 PM
July	Wed. July 10 at 7 PM
August	Wed, August 7 at 7 PM

September [Wed. Sept. 4 at 7 PM](#)
October [Wed, Oct. 2 at 7 PM,](#)
November [Wed, Oct. 30 at 7 PM,](#)
December [Wed, Dec. 4 at 7 PM](#)

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](#)

WHERE YOU CAN FIND FIELD TASK FORCE UPDATES

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

[Maret Athletic Facilities Project Page](#)

[Chevy Chase ListServ](#)

TASK FORCE COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS

- The Task Force is committed to regularly updating the community across multiple platforms. We issue updates after each Task Force meeting that include a recording of each meeting. These updates are posted on the [ANC 3/4G Website on the ANC Field Task Force Page](#) and on [Maret Athletic Facilities Project Page](#)
- We share our meeting notices via the listservs, at ANC meetings, and with Task Force members including ANC Commissioners Sherman, Nash, and Gore.
- Our Agenda for each TF meeting is the same. We review the bi-weekly update report from Maret that is shared by Maret with the community, we take questions from TF members and questions from the Community.
- Based on requests from Commissioner Sherman and several community members, we will work to the best of our ability to highlight key topics that may come up at our TF Meeting in our meeting notices in the days before each meeting but residents should also review the Maret Bi-Weekly Reports as well which can be found here [Maret Athletic Facilities Project Page](#) since they account for a bulk of each meeting's discussion.
- Community Members who have concerns and questions about the Field Project are encouraged to notify the Task Force of those concerns via the ancfieldtf@gmail.com email and the ANC Field Task Force Complaint/Question Form. Those concerns and questions will be addressed by the appropriate parties and discussed as part of the next Task Force Meeting.
- All members of the Task Force have access to the ancfieldtf@gmail.com email and the [Complaint Form](#) and the Chairs check those documents daily.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: If there is an emergency happening on your property related to the Field Project

- Email the ANCFieldtf@gmail.com email
- Email, call, or text Johnny Seikaly from MCN Build at johnny.seikaly@mcnbuild.com; (202) 333-3424
- It is important to do both actions in case Johnny is not available and to keep a record of concerns that the Task Force can follow up on.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Maret and MCN release 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>

These Progress Reports also are posted to the Chevy Chase listserv and other neighborhood social media channels. Each Progress Report includes a look back, a look forward, and pictures of activity that has happened to date.

[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> is Maret's website dedicated to the project and is designed to provide updated information about the construction of the project to the community. It 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. Maret will post their latest [Progress Reports](#) 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>

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.