

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #8

Hello Neighbors,

On Tuesday evening, October 17, 2023 from 6:00 to 6:34 PM, the ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our seventh public meeting via Zoom. 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. The Task Force last met in June and took the summer off as work had stopped on the Field over the summer. We are also in the process of posting the recording and this update to our ANC Field Task Force website.

RECORDING OF 10/17 MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vVgMZqGz5PFdqsdGV7kXRhwcPP1GyjX3VEfTJLvWxwbu4JnW6wfAEjODI4rhkCTi.H5nbRL9pryZuJvjl>

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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 10/17 meeting was called to order by Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus at 6:03 PM. Four of the five Task Force members were in attendance including Co-Chair Mike Osborne, ANC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman and ANC 3/4G-01 Commissioner Lisa Gore. ANC 3/4G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash joined 10 minutes into the meeting. In addition, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret and Johnny Seikaly from MCN were in attendance. Task Force Members Marek Gootman and Stephanie Nash had both indicated last week that they could not make the Tuesday night 6:00 PM meeting time on 10-17.

There were seven RSVPs to the meeting via the public RSVP form which was posted on the listserv (along with the Zoom meeting link on Wednesday, October 11) but no community members joined the Zoom throughout the meeting. There were two questions from the Community submitted through the RSVP form regarding flooding and erosion that the Task Force read in full into the record and addressed during the meeting.

MEETING HEADLINES

- Maret is currently finalizing two permits for the field; the public space permit which will allow them to utilize public space for the entryway into their proposed parking lot and the actual building permit. They are getting to the end of the permitting process for the project and expect to be ready to brief the ANC and the Community on next steps before the end of the year, hopefully in late November.
- No major activity has occurred on the Field this summer or is scheduled for the Field in the coming weeks except for monitoring/care of trees and some site further clean-up
 - There have been at least three teams of arborists inspecting and working on the trees on the site; the City's arborists, Maret's arborists and a team doing some insect treatments per the recommendation of the City's arborists.
 - Maret/MCN build did a survey of neighbors facing the property to offer up exterior window cleaning. Window cleaning for all the neighbors who said yes to cleaning has been completed.
 - Based on some feedback from neighbors on Rittenhouse, final spoils (mulch/stumps) that were left on the site after the initial clean-up were removed from the site over the last three weeks.
- ANC Commissioners Sherman and Nash updated the Task Force about their work with the City over the

new Bioretention beds and Bike Share stations that the City has proposed on Nebraska Ave and Utah Ave. Commissioner Sherman shared that the team from the Department of Transportation who was working on siting these items did not appear to initially know about the Field. The Commissioners promised to keep us updated as these things are constructed.

- There were questions from the community about construction at both the ECC and on the field this summer possibly creating mud puddles and flooding and about plans for the Field. Task Force members shared these concerns with the ECC and Maret. There was a bit of confusion about where the flooding was happening but the ECC will monitor as will the Task Force during the next rainfall. The Task Force, the ECC and Maret/MCN Build asked any neighbors to please share photos if they witness this again. In terms of what are the plans for the field, Maret/MCN noted that they did do flood prevention work during the tree removal process working closely with the city and believe the site is stabilized for now. They also said they have extensive plans to do further flood remediation on the site once the building permits are approved.
- It was noted that new metal fencing has gone up to secure the entrance to the ECC on the driveway off Nebraska and around the site. There is still no fencing to replace the wooden fencing which runs down the Nebraska Street side of the property. Trey Holloway said that once the permits are approved, fencing will go up there to make it more secure.
- The Task Force will meet again until November 8, 2023
- 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 6:37 PM.

NEXT FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8 at 7:00 PM. *However, this meeting time may not hold due to either lack of news to update folks about or because there may be a full ANC Meeting where Maret/ECC presents a Community Field Update once permitting is finalized. We will update the List Serv according by the end of October/Beginning of November.*

[You can RSVP for the 11/8 meeting here](#) and we will notify you if there is a change to the meeting time. Our December Task Force Meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday 12/6 at 7:00 PM

The Task Force, an all volunteer organization, works closely and transparently on behalf of the community and is committed to posting meeting times and materials as quickly as possible to the best of their ability. Below please find some important information about the Task Force.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

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

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 is scheduled to occur via Zoom on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST. [Please RSVP here.](#)
- The remaining Field Task Force meeting times for 2023 are:
 - [Wed, Nov. 8 at 7 PM,](#)
 - [Wed, Dec. 6 at 7 PM](#)

DRAFT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2023 TASK FORCE MEETING:

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

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>

WHERE YOU CAN FIND FIELD TASK FORCE UPDATES

[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.