

## ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #12

The ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our eleventh public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 6, 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 3/6/24 MEETING

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Passcode: 89C?#PgG

The 3/6 meeting was called to order by Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus at 6:59 PM and was adjourned at 7:42PM. Five of the six Task Force members were in attendance including Co-Chair Mike Osborne, At Large Member Marek Gootman, ANC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman, and, ANC 3/4G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash. ANC 3/4G-01 Commissioner Lisa Gore, who is also the ANC 3/4G Commission Chair, could not attend the meeting. In addition, non-voting Task Force members Stephanie Nash, Dennis Bisgaard and Trey Holloway from Maret, Johnny Seikaly from MCN and Terry Fautleroy from Brailsford and Dunlavey, Maret's owner rep for the field project attended the meeting.

There were two RSVPs to the meeting via the public RSVP form which was posted on the Chevy Chase listserv and between 5 -7 community members joined the Zoom throughout the meeting. No community members asked any questions. Maret sent out their bi-weekly progress report to the community and the Task Force a few hours before the TF meeting and it was reviewed in detail at the meeting. [A copy can be found here](#) and on the Maret and ANC Task Force websites listed below.

### MEETING HEADLINES

#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- **The Curb Cut** on Nebraska Ave has been completed as have the Sedimentary Erosion Controls (SEC) measures around the curb cut entrance. This is where the construction vehicles will enter the site and where eventually the entrance to the parking lot for the field will be located.
  - The sidewalk in front of the Curb Cut is closed and signage has been placed on Nebraska Ave between Utah and 27th.
- Additional hay bales have been installed along the eastern portion of the property to protect the property at 5860 Nebraska Ave. NW from **sediment runoff**.
- The Maret team is waiting on the approval of the Pre-Construction **Tree Preservation Plan (TPP)** by DDOT Urban Forestry. Maret's contractor Wetlands (WSSI) is working with DDOT on approval for the plan
- **After approval of the TPP**, MCN will check Sedimentary Erosion Controls along the perimeter of the job site and identify any additional controls that may be needed and any necessary tree protection measures will begin with WSSI providing oversight.
- **Sheeting and shoring of the site will commence once this work is completed**
  - This is likely to be a loud but short process on all four sides of the project to install measures to hold back the soil from falling onto the site as you dig down to build the field
  - Sheeting and shoring happens before retaining walls are installed.

#### TASK FORCE/COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

- **CORRECTED ADDRESS ON PREVIOUS MARET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**
  - A member of the community contacted Maret and the Task Force about an error in the 2-19 Maret Field Construction Update which incorrectly gave the address of a home along the property line where a fence was knocked over. Trey Holloway apologized for the error and noted the correct address where this occurred was 5860 Nebraska Ave. NW and NOT 5869 Nebraska Ave. NW.
  
- **ISSUES AROUND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROJECT & COMMENTS/APOLOGY FROM MARET HEAD OF SCHOOL DENNIS BISGAARD**
  - Maret Head of School Dennis Bisgaard joined the Task Force meeting halfway through the meeting. He said that since the last task force meeting, Maret was notified about digging on the site that inadvertently extended over Claudia Russell's property line. He said that this activity should not have occurred and he apologized for the inconvenience and disruption. He said he had called Claudia earlier on Wednesday to apologize and had a good productive conversation with her
  - *"It is never our intent for neighbors to be surprised by anticipated work on the site,"* Bisgaard told the Task Force. *"We will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses via our website and email updates. And it is never acceptable for our team to encroach on a neighbor's property without their advanced knowledge and express permission. We have told our contractors that they must do better and we will hold them accountable for doing so. Tonight, we want to reiterate our commitment to respecting the property of our adjacent neighbors and working together with individual neighbors to address any concerns or potential impacts."*
  - Claudia Russell, the neighbor involved, could not attend Wednesday's Task Force Meeting but had briefed Commissioner Sherman about her concerns in advance and informed Commissioner Sherman she had spoken with Dennis Bisgaard and appreciated his apology and his reaching out.
  - Commissioner Sherman also informed the Task Force that Russell has reached out to DC agencies and to Ward 4 Council Member Janeese Lewis George to register her concerns and file complaints about the boundary incursion, highlighting that there's a lot of activity that happens that falls outside the immediate scope of the Task Force when it comes to specific issues between neighbors and Maret, especially when city agencies become involved.

**TIMELY, TRANSPARENT, COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION**

- As they did in the February meeting, Task Force members stressed the need for ongoing timely, transparent, communication and notification from Maret and their contractors, especially in light of the recent issues around Claudia Russell's home. *"There is no such thing as too much communication."* Holloway announced that Maret and the Contractors had built an email list of nearby neighbors and would be using that list to ensure timely and frequent communication when construction activity was scheduled to happen around their homes. Commissioner Sherman also pointed out he had the ability via his extensive single-member district newsletter/database to email certain neighbors as well and had done that with the Nebraska Ave neighbors around the Curb Cut.

- **TRAFFIC PLAN BRIEFING**
  - Commissioner Nash and Commissioner Sherman requested a briefing on the traffic plans around the site both during construction and after the field had been completed, especially around the new Curb Cut. Trey Holloway promised to brief the Commissioners and share materials regarding the existing plans with the Task Force.

**LOOK AHEAD:**

- No traffic issues are expected around current construction activities on the Field.
- “SHORING & SHEETING” to begin in the next few weeks.
- **THE NEXT FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, April 10, 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 4/10/24 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**

The 3/6 ANC Field Task Force meeting ended at 7:42 PM.

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR APRIL 10, 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**

<b>Month</b>	<b>TF Meetings</b>
January	<a href="#">Wed., Jan 10 at 7 PM</a>
February	<a href="#">Wed., Feb. 7 at 7 PM</a>
March	<a href="#">Wed, March 6 at 7 PM</a>
April	<a href="#">Wed, April 10 at 7 PM,</a>
May	<a href="#">Wed, May 8 at 7 PM</a>
June	<a href="#">Wed, June 12 at 7 PM</a>
July	<a href="#">Wed. July 10 at 7 PM</a>

August	<a href="#">Wed, August 7 at 7 PM</a>
September	<a href="#">Wed. Sept. 4 at 7 PM</a>
October	<a href="#">Wed, Oct. 2 at 7 PM,</a>
November	<a href="#">Wed, Oct. 30 at 7 PM,</a>
December	<a href="#">Wed, Dec. 4 at 7 PM</a>

#### HOW TO CONTACT US:

- Task Force email address - [ancfieldtf@gmail.com](mailto: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/](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](mailto: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](mailto: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

- Please email the [ANCFieldtf@gmail.com](mailto:ANCFieldtf@gmail.com) email
- Please email/call or text Johnny Seikaly from MCN Build at [johnny.seikaly@mcnbuild.com](mailto:johnny.seikaly@mcnbuild.com); (202) 333-3424

- It is important to do both actions in case Johnny is not available and also 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/](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.