

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #15

The ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our fifteenth public meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 12, 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 6/12/24 MEETING

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ATTENDEES/INTRODUCTIONS/AGENDA

Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM. Five of the six voting 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 Commission Chair Lisa Gore could not attend the meeting nor could ECC's Stephanie Nash.

Also joining the meeting, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret, Johnny Seikaly from MCN. Terry Fauntleroy and Jordan Ogbonna from Brailsford & Dunlavey, Maret's Owner's Representative for the field project, attended the meeting as did Maret Principal Dennis Bisgaard. MCN Site Supervisor Richard Greer also joined the meeting for the first time. He is the lead for MCN on-site during the project.

Close to 30 community members joined the Zoom throughout the meeting.

In addition to the standard Task Force Agenda of reviewing questions and concerns regarding the project, the Task Force and Maret announced three additional discussion items for the June 12 Task Force Meeting via email, listserv and at the Monday, June 10 ANC Meeting: the Stop Work Order issued by the DC's Department of Buildings (DOB) on 5/31, a review of Maret's proposed landscape designs for the field and a planned community bulk trash removal event scheduled for Saturday, June 15.

Task Force Co-Chair Backus opened the 6/12 meeting at 7 PM, noting a full agenda and a large amount of community concern. She announced the Task Force would have Maret share details of the community event they had planned for Saturday and then spend the bulk of the meeting discussing the Stop Work Order and the new landscaping plans, reserving time for TF and community questions and comments both during two presentations and at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNITY BULK TRASH REMOVAL DAY AT ECC -SATURDAY JUNE 15

Maret announced that they were teaming with local non-profit Goods for Good, headquartered in the ECC for a clothing drive, toy drive, and bake sale to benefit Goods for Good programs during their Community Bulk Trash Collection Day scheduled for Saturday, June 15 from 9- 1 PM.

STOP WORK ORDER / WHY IT WAS ISSUED / WHY IT GOT LIFTED

- While DOB had issued a Stop Work Order for the project on May 31, Trey Holloway announced that DOB had just lifted the order prior to the Task Force meeting on June 12, following Maret resolution of questions and concerns.
- Maret explained the background and timeline regarding the Stop Work Order.
 - May 30 - A DOB Inspector inspected the site and said everything was on track.
 - May 31 - A different DOB Inspector came to the site and issued the Stop Work Order citing unsafe site conditions and over-excavation; Maret requested more information about the basis for the order from DOB.
 - June 4 - Maret received information from DOB stating that the Stop Work Order was due to three concerns:
 - need to verify a Global Slope Analysis
 - overall notification processes for neighbors about the project
 - notification for access to neighbor property to conduct work
 - June 5 - Maret held a call with DOB to talk through the issues and provide clarity for each side.
 - June 7 - Maret shared written materials with DOB that addressed their concerns point-by-point.
 - Maret showed the DOB that they had submitted a Global Slope Analysis as part of a different permit, and shared that analysis with DOB.
 - Maret provided documentation of neighbor notification including emails, reports, task force meeting minutes and recordings, and other materials. Maret also will begin to utilize the official DOB notification template.
 - Maret informed DOB that they had done surveys for neighbors around the field before construction started and offered surveys to a new set of neighbors recently.
 - Maret told DOB they were going to install vibration monitors and create a monitoring plan, and would be revising their construction look-ahead.
 - June 12 - DOB lifted the Stop Work Order.
 - June 17 - Construction expected to restart at ECC site.

VIBRATIONS CONCERNS/SURVEYS FOR ADJACENT NEIGHBORS/SPECIAL TASK FORCE MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING

- Task Force members and Community members spoke up about their continuing concerns about vibrations, possible property damage, responsiveness, and vibration monitoring on the site.
- Maret reminded the meeting participants that they were doing surveys of the properties of concerned neighbors and had added more homes to the survey list.
- With regard to vibrations, Maret is working to set baselines for monitors that they are installing on the site. They said that they are unaware of a specific threshold for excessive vibration levels, as there are no vibration regulations in DC. The Task Force asked what Maret considers excessive vibration, and Maret said that that is a question DOB would have to answer.
- Commissioner Sherman and TF Member Marek Gootman recommended that the Task Force request a special meeting with DOB representatives and concerned neighbors – providing a list of key questions in advance – regarding the vibrations and other issues, including the need for clarification on the vibration standard.
- Commissioner Sherman will lead in requesting the meeting and compiling community and Task Force questions.

IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY, TRANSPARENT, AND DETAILED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ALL PARTIES (ANC/TASK FORCE/CITY AGENCIES/MARET/ECC?CONSTRUCTION TEAM & THE COMMUNITY)

- Task Force members continued to discuss the role and responsibilities of the Task Force, especially regarding bringing in City Agencies to answer Task Force / ANC and community questions.
- All Task Force members agreed that the Task Force should be able to request updates from agencies and invite representatives to speak, but there was internal disagreement in terms of effective processes and timing to do that.
- After some healthy discussion, the TF agreed to send a letter to DOB requesting a special meeting to address vibration monitoring.

LANDSCAPE REVIEW / CALL FOR NATIVE PLANTS / SUGGESTIONS FOR DEER RESISTANT PLANTING / REQUESTS FOR INFO AND CONVERSATIONS WITH SPECIFIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS / CONCERNS WITH TURF FIELDS

- Maret's landscape designer, LandDesign, presented plans for landscaping across the site and asked for input.
- She discussed the importance of using native plants and evergreens for blocking neighbors' views.
- The current draft of the landscape plan can be found [here](#).
- Neighbors asked questions about the height of the trees and bushes being considered for locations across the site.
- They also pointed out the prevalence of deer and the need for native plants.
- Suggestions and questions from the community regarding the landscaping plan are encouraged. Please email ancfieldtf@gmail.com

OTHER TASK FORCE / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Claudia Russell and Maret discussed her concerns about the timing and content of communications between the two parties and highlighted the site's proximity to her home. She also asked for further conversation regarding the report issued by ECS that she requested after vibrations began on the site.
- Several community members raised concerns on the Zoom chat and in the meeting about Turf Fields
- Commissioner Nash would like a full briefing on transportation and traffic issues and plans around the site and the current project.
- Maret Head of School Bisgaard expressed excitement about the Community Day on Saturday 15th and said he was bringing students, staff, and families to work at the drop-off site. He asked that community members with concerns planning on stopping by on Saturday please direct their comments and concerns to he and Trey directly, not to the kids volunteering on site.

LOOK AHEAD:

- Mobilization (return of construction equipment) on the construction site is expected to restart on June 13 or June 14, along with final installation of vibration monitors.
- Construction is expected to resume on site on Monday, June 17 with continued installation of wall base for retaining and block walls.
- No work on the site will be conducted on Juneteenth, or scheduled for weekends at this time.
- Updated project milestones will be shared with the community.
- Weekly Construction reports from the Maret Construction team will continue.

The 6/12 ANC Field Task Force meeting ended at 8:22 PM.

NEXT STEPS - AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Per the conditions cited around the lifting of the Stop Work Order on June 12, ***Maret will be sharing an updated project milestones timeline with the community.***

- **The Task Force will request a special community meeting with the DOB**, in advance of the next regular Task Force on July 10, to answer questions and concerns regarding vibration monitoring, enforcement standards and the Stop Work Order being issued and lifted. Commissioner Sherman will request the meeting on behalf of the Task Force and the ANC and will gather questions from the community and Task Force to share in advance with the DOB. The Task Force and the ANC will promote the meeting date and time once the date is set. The meeting will be on Zoom. Questions from the community for this meeting should be sent to the ANC Field Task Force email at ancfieldtf@gmail.com
- Community members with suggestions or questions about the **Maret Landscaping Plan** should email the Task Force email at ancfieldtf@gmail.com. Maret will follow up on questions, suggestions and concerns.
- The Task Force, led by Commissioner Nash, requested a **transportation/traffic update/review at a future meeting**. This will occur at either July or August’s regular TF Meeting.

THE NEXT FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, July 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 7/10/24 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/86323873677?pwd=aUlnT05CVXhTS2V6WmpISXVRL29aZz09>
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 - Meeting ID: 863 2387 3677
 - Passcode: 107467
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DRAFT AGENDA FOR JULY 10 2024 TASK FORCE MEETING:

- Welcome
- Construction update from Maret/ECC/GC
- Follow-up from DOB Meeting (if held in advance of TF meeting)
- Possible Transportation Briefing
- Questions/Comments from the Task Force and the ANC Commissioners
- Questions/Comments/Complaints from the Public

FINAL NOTE: The TF acknowledges that the Field continues to generate a lot of strong emotions among community members. The TF asks community members who attend our meetings on Zoom, send emails to the TF, and/or type comments in the meeting chat to use common courtesy and refrain from personal attacks or “shouting” virtually (by using ALL CAPS in the chat) or in person. We are all neighbors and volunteers on the TF doing our level best to listen respectfully to community concerns and represent the community as a whole on this critical issue.

2024 ANC FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING DATES AS OF 6/18/24

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 weekly update reports from Maret that are shared 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 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.pd>

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 promptly.
- Holding Maret/ECC/GC accountable.