

ANC 3/4G FIELD TASK FORCE COMMUNITY UPDATE #16

The ANC 3/4G Field Task Force held our sixteenth meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 10, 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 7/10/24 MEETING

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ATTENDEES/INTRODUCTIONS/AGENDA

Task Force co-chair Mike Osborne called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15PM. Four of the six voting Task Force members were in attendance including Co-Chair Mike Osborne, ANC 3/4G Commission Chair Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-02 Commissioner Bruce Sherman, and ANC 3/4G-03 Commissioner Jim Nash. Task Force Co-Chair Jenny Backus and community member Marek Gootman could not attend the meeting. Also joining the meeting, non-voting Task Force members Trey Holloway from Maret, 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. Maret's traffic engineer, Jamie Milanovich, also was present at the meeting.

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 additional agenda items of discussing vibration monitoring at the Field site and the traffic plan for the site. Co-chair Osborne noted that, since the last Task Force meeting, community members had shared ongoing concerns about vibration monitoring at the site and their views on the landscaping design for the site via emails to the Task Force gmail (ancfieldtf@gmail.com).

UPDATE ON SITE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Excavation compacting and grading is occurring on the site. This is expected to continue through the end of September.
- Soil compaction is what causes the vibrations felt by neighbors who live around the site.
- Materials for retaining walls will be delivered in advance of building these walls which will begin after material delivery.
- Work continues on stormwater piping in the southeast corner of the site.
- Vibration monitoring plan developed by ECS and shared with DC's Department of Buildings (DOB) and community members previously.
- Project team notified when certain vibration thresholds are crossed.

- There was no sustained exceeding of established vibration thresholds which would indicate concern as a result of on-site construction activities to date, although there was isolated exceeding of established vibration thresholds.

Commissioner Sherman asked for an update on Maret's discussions with DOB concerning the vibration monitoring plan. Trey advised that Maret shared this plan with Jeff Reiss at DOB who acknowledged receipt. A DOB inspector visited the site recently but otherwise Maret hasn't heard from DOB about the plan. Trey recognized that homeowners feeling these vibrations is unsettling, but ECS seemed comfortable with the thresholds in the plan. And DOB hasn't expressed any concerns to Maret about the plan.

Two representatives from ECS, Kelly Clawson and Paul Pinkerton, discussed the vibration monitoring plan at length and explained the standards used in the plan. They emphasized that there is no vibration standard in DC code, but ECS used a very conservative industry standard in developing the vibration monitoring plan for the site. Several community members asked questions about the plan and engaged ECS representatives in a discussion. In response to a community member's question, Trey advised that Maret would not be sharing the specific vibration reports generated by the vibration monitors with the community at large because they would not add value to the discussion of this topic. In response to a different community member's question, ECS representatives stated that housing density in the neighborhood had zero impact on vibrations. Commissioner Sherman discussed with the Trey the possibility of sharing specific vibration reports with the homeowners whose vibration monitors send alerts regarding vibrations to the project team. Trey said he would meet with ECS to consider this suggestion.

TRANSPORTATION BRIEFING

Maret's traffic engineer, Jamie Milanovich, then discussed the traffic plan for the site, including issues of pedestrian safety and the possibility of a mid-block crosswalk at or near the entrance to the site off of Nebraska Avenue. She explained in detail why a mid-block crosswalk was not being proposed at the site. She reviewed the multiple enhancements to pedestrian safety to be installed at the intersection of Nebraska and Utah avenues. These are called "bulb-outs" which slow down traffic by extending the curb lines at all four corners of this intersection. These improvements decrease the time it takes for pedestrians to cross the street and reduce the possibility of illegal parking at this intersection. The traffic plan also involves removing conflicting signage and updating the existing signage along Nebraska Avenue by the field site.

Commissioner Nash expressed appreciation for this plan and asked about raised crosswalks or the potential for a HAWK signal in the traffic plan. Ms. Milanovich said that neither was being considered because they didn't meet the relevant criteria for installation at the site. She also explained that there would be no flashing lights on the 15mph school zone signs posted along the site because DDOT advised that the

District was removing these lights from existing 15mph school zone signs and not replacing them throughout the city.

Commissioner Sherman thanked Ms. Milanovich for presenting this plan and asked whether the traffic plan accounted for a separate DDOT plan to install bioretention beds near the intersection of Nebraska and Utah avenues. Ms. Milanovich said that she wasn't aware of the plan for bioretention beds and was surprised that DDOT had approved Maret's traffic plan for the site without making them aware of DDOT's own plan to install bioretention beds at this location. She said that she would follow up with DDOT about this. There also was a discussion of ongoing monitoring of pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns after the field was in use.

Claudia Russell asked several questions about the intersection of 28th Street and Nebraska Avenue. Ms. Milanovich confirmed that Maret is not proposing to install another crosswalk at this intersection. The traffic plan focuses instead on updating the signage at this location and along the site.

Ann Sutherland raised a concern about jaywalking in the middle of the block where the field sits on Nebraska Avenue and whether a crosswalk could be installed there. Ms. Milanovich explained that DDOT was against this idea because of the poor sight line for drivers cresting the hill on Nebraska Avenue before reaching the field site.

Commissioner Nash raised some additional concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety once entering the site and inside the site itself. He agreed to submit a list of questions about this matter which Trey said that Maret would try to address.

Co-chair Osborne advised meeting attendees that the next Task Force meeting would be on Wednesday, August 10, 2024, at 7pm on Zoom and any questions for the Task Force could be sent to the Task Force gmail account (ancfieldtf@gmail.com) via email which are auto forwarded to all Task Force members. He thanked everyone for attending this meeting and being patient while he navigated his first Zoom call as a meeting host and ended the meeting at approximately 815pm.

LOOK AHEAD:

- MCN will be re-installing the stone landscaping wall in public space starting on July 9, 2024.
- The utility subcontractor will continue installation of the stormwater management structures and utility lines.
- Saturday work will occur on the site and will continue throughout the Summer per the work hours (9AM – 5PM) outlined in the MOU. Most of the work performed on Saturdays will remain limited to the retaining wall & artificial turf installations. Site traffic and noise impacts will remain at a minimum during Saturday work.
- The project team continues to work to keep vibrations to a minimum, but some reworking of soils has been required in recent weeks due to heavy soil moisture content identified during third-party inspections.

- The electrical subcontractor will be on site to begin planning routes for the site's electrical pathways.
- Street signage will continue to be in place along Nebraska Avenue during construction.
- Flaggers will return as necessary during work in public space per the approved DDOT traffic control plan.
- A representative working with DDOT stated that they will be milling and paving tentatively scheduled to start early in the week of July 15, 2024. A notification will be sent again to the neighbors affected by this work.

NEXT STEPS - AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Community members with suggestions or questions about the Maret Landscaping Plan should continue to email the Task Force gmail (ancfieldtf@gmail.com).
- Update on vibration monitoring plan and any feedback from DOB.
- Update on traffic plan and how it intersects with DDOT plan for bioretention beds at Nebraska and Utah avenues. Possible update on traffic plan for inside the site (pedestrian and cyclist safety).

THE NEXT FIELD TASK FORCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, August 7, 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 08/07/24 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>
 - Meeting ID: 863 2387 3677
 - Passcode: 107467

DRAFT AGENDA FOR AUGUST 7, 2024, TASK FORCE MEETING:

- Welcome
- Construction update from Maret/ECC/GC
- Updates on landscaping and vibration monitoring
- Updates on traffic plan and how it intersects with DDOT plan for bioretention beds & possible update on plans for pedestrian and cyclist safety inside the site
- Questions/Comments from the Task Force and the ANC Commissioners
- Questions/Comments/Complaints from the Public

FINAL NOTE: The Task Force acknowledges that the Field continues to generate a lot of strong emotions among community members. We ask community members who attend our meetings on Zoom, send emails, 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 Task Force 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 07/10/2024

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 ancfieldtf@gmail.com 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 Task Force co-chairs check the email and complaint form regularly.

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 with Maret and/or MCN.

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 promptly.
- Holding Maret/ECC/GC accountable.