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Fwd: Maret & the ECC fields

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I am opposed to the Maret proposal for the use of the ECC fields.

If you research Maret's use of the Jelleff fields, you will find a very upset community around the fields with little to no recourse for the community to remedy the issues. Fifty years is a long time without an avenue for the community to modify something. There will not be anything but the "goodwill" of Maret towards the community, which, I am sorry, I do not feel they will care once they obtain what they want.

Maret's first interest (understandably so) is to the Maret community, not the community around the ECC. That is in itself, is a conflict of what is best for the community.

In the experience of the ANC, although projects voted on by the ANC attempted to protect and save heritage trees, the trees did not survive (5333 Connecticut and Lafayette) despite promises and assurances by Urban Forestry/Arborists. That will happen as a result of this project also.

In my opinion, there will be great incentive for Maret to turn this into a money making proposition by renting out the fields. That incentive has a very strong potential to be a driving force to "throw the community under the bus".

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I live directly across the street from the ECC.



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Fwd: [ChevyChaseCommunity] Maret's Plans to Lease Fields from ECC

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I think the rub with the community, at least with me, is not that Maret will use the fields; it is that they plan on subleasing them out to other organizations to include DC Soccer Club (DC Stoddert Soccer) which will bring quite a bit of traffic and disruption to the neighborhood.

According to DC Soccer Club website: "over 5,000 players in Recreational soccer and over 700 players in the Travel Program... The club also takes part in the Club Champions League PRO23 League offering opportunities to collegiate players and DC Stoddert Alumni to compete.....Other programs offered by DC Stoddert Soccer include a variety of training programs and camps...."

Another website claims 6,000 players, 9,000 parents, 400 teams and 900 volunteers. This does not include the visiting teams numbers for organized league games or numbers for DC Soccer's training clinics and camps.

At one of the meetings, Maret stated they will sublease the fields resulting in the space being utilized 7 days a week with very little time for community access. There seems to be no restrictions on the use of the fields by other organizations to lessen the impact on the surrounding homes, to include the homes whose yards back up to the fields.

Maret is also not disclosing how much money they anticipate to make on the subleasing of the fields. While I understand this on one level, it could potentially be a huge profit maker for the school which is also a huge motivator to put the community last.

Getting "stuck" with something for 50 years is a long time. Information gained from meetings and published information regarding Maret's plans is, in my opinion, not fully transparent, using verbiage that does not fully describe things and hiding or not acknowledging the anticipated negative impact / consequences this plan will have on the community: not from the use of the fields by Maret, but the organizations they will sublease the fields to and financially profit from. (This money will not go to the ECC.)

After many years of public service, I have many significant concerns regarding Maret's plans to lease the ECC fields and then turn around and sublease those same fields to other organizations.

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