

Agenda
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee (COC)
April 27, 2026 7:00–9:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Public Meeting - All are welcome

7:00-7:01 pm Agenda Adoption

7:01-7:10 pm Welcome - What's Your Go To Outdoor Space?

7:10- 7:25 pm Community Updates - Round Robin

7:25-7:50 pm Community Grants

- Overview and Proposal Brainstorm
- Ludlow-Taylor Community Garden Presentation
 - Hannah Zlotnick

7:50-8:00 pm Future Agenda and Events Brainstorm

8:15-8:30 pm Wrap Up

ANC Spring 26 Garden Rebuild

Title: Growing Together: The Ludlow-Taylor Community Garden Rebuild

Please list prior experience of primary project contact with similar projects.

Ehren Vance, Senior Garden Manager at FreshFarm FoodPrints, will serve as the project manager. He brings extensive experience leading school and community garden rebuilds across DC, including:

- Marie Reed Elementary Garden Rebuild (2025)
- Anne Beers Elementary Garden Rebuild (2024)
- Miner Elementary Garden Rebuild (2024)
- John Francis Swing Space Garden Rebuild (2023)

In addition, through his edible landscaping business, **UrbaCulture, LLC**, Ehren has installed more than **15 residential gardens** between 2019 and 2026. His combined expertise in school-based garden design, community engagement, and sustainable landscaping ensures a high-quality, community-responsive rebuild.

Description of Proposed Project/Activity.

During SY25–26, Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School underwent a DCPS-led building addition project—an 8,700-square-foot expansion designed to meet the needs of a growing student population. While essential, the construction zone directly bordered the school’s community garden, resulting in significant unintended damage from scaffolding, debris, reduced sunlight, and heavy foot traffic.

Ludlow-Taylor is carrying out an ambitious **full restoration of the community garden** now that the construction is complete. In partnership with the FoodPrints garden team—who have deep experience rebuilding gardens impacted by construction—we carried out Phase I of the rebuild project during the DCPS Spring Break (April 13–17). Now, with initial demolition and rebuilding of the structures complete, we are proposing a second phase of work focused on adding additional edible plants and greenery beyond what was retained from the previous garden, procuring materials for maintenance and extended seasonal growing to ensure the garden is well cared for, as productive as possible, and our investment is well preserved, and educational materials to support the utilization of the garden as a learning space by LT students and the broader community.

The rebuild will include:

- Planting fruit trees to add long-lasting greenery which supports the ecosystem and learning goals of the garden

- Nettings for pest control, especially for fruit plants
- Trellises, hoops and ground cover for extended growing and winterizing the garden
- Seating and watering cans for the students to use during their class time in the garden
- Educational components for students and community visitors
- An assessment of the existing rain garden, first built in 2017, to determine what maintenance or repairs are needed to reduce flooding and enhance proper drainage

FoodPrints staff will provide skilled labor as an in-kind contribution, supported by community volunteers. The result will be a **revitalized, resilient, and productive edible garden that serves as both an educational resource and a shared green space for the entire neighborhood.**

Funding Request:

We are requesting **\$1,981 from ANC 6A** to purchase fruit trees, hoops, netting, ground cover, and trellises.

Projected Total Cost of Phase 2: \$2,781

Amount Requested: \$1,981

Amount of Overhead Costs: 0

How are Overhead Costs Calculated? N/A

Other sources of funding (be specific).

- A **community fundraiser at our upcoming Spring Auction**, including opportunities for families to have their names engraved on new planters, will cover remaining costs
- In-kind expertise and staff time from the FoodPrints team

Statement of Community Benefit (detailed description of project of activity and how it primarily benefits people who live and work in the ANC area).

Ludlow-Taylor Elementary serves nearly 520 students, most of whom live in ANC 6C and ANC 6A. The community garden is central to the school's FoodPrints program, which provides hands-on science, nutrition, and environmental education. It is also integrated into the school's Reggio Emilia-inspired curriculum, supporting experiential learning across subjects.

However, the garden's impact extends far beyond the school community:

- **A shared neighborhood green and growing space:** Residents regularly use the garden as a quiet, welcoming outdoor area in a dense urban environment.
- **Monthly community clean-up days:** Students, caregivers, neighbors, and local volunteers work together to maintain the grounds, strengthening community ties and improving shared outdoor space.
- **Educational value for all ages:** As part of the rebuild, plant identification signage will make the garden a learning resource for any resident who visits.

- **Youth engagement beyond Ludlow-Taylor:** Students from feeder middle school Stewart-Hobson will be invited to participate in the rebuild, creating cross-school connections and service opportunities.
- **Local business involvement:** We are engaging neighborhood businesses to request contributions of plants and materials, reinforcing local partnerships and shared stewardship.
- **Neighborhood vitality:** A thriving school garden enhances the broader community's environmental health, aesthetic appeal, and property values.

Rebuilding the garden will restore a cherished community asset—one that supports environmental education, intergenerational connection, neighborhood cohesion, and access to green space for all who live and work in ANC 6C and ANC 6A.

Please explain how this project does not duplicate services provided by the DC Government.

This project does not duplicate any services provided by the DC Government.

DCPS is unable to fund or support restoration of the garden despite the construction-related damage. The PTO also explored the Department of General Services' composting program, but DGS staff confirmed that no funds remain available for school composting projects and that any composting infrastructure must be independently funded.

Therefore, all components of the rebuild—including planter beds, soil, irrigation, plantings, composting systems, and shade structures—must be supported through non-DC Government resources. ANC funding will fill a critical gap and enable the restoration of a vital neighborhood space.

How will success of this project/event be measured and documented?

Success will be demonstrated by the **completion and reopening of a fully restored community garden**, including:

- Planting of 2-3 fruit trees
- Procurement of supplies to extend growing, manage pests and winterize the garden for long-term maintenance
- Preparing and equipping the garden for enhanced use and enjoyment by students and community members

Are any permits or consents required for this project? No.

If permits or consents are required, have they been obtained? N/A

Have you requested an ANC grant before? Yes

If yes:

When? 11/19/2025

Was is granted or denied? denied

How much money was requested? \$7000

Category	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Estimated Total
Trees			
Fruit Trees	2-3	\$200-300	\$600.00
Seating			
Benches	1-2	~\$400	\$400.00
Sit Upons	24	\$50	\$100.00
Picnic Table			\$136.00
Winterizing			
Hoops and Anchors	100	\$200	\$200.00
Row Covers		\$100-\$400	\$200.00
Trellising		\$100-200	\$200.00
Pest Management			
Netting		\$145-\$425	\$145.00
Educational Supplies			
Watering Cans	15	\$7	\$100.00
Educational Signage	4	\$50	\$200.00
Rain Garden			
Assessment by landscape company			\$500
Total			\$2,781.00
Requested of ANC6A	trees, seating, winterizing and pest management supplies		\$1,781.00