

Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee (COC)
March 23, 2026 7:00-9:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Ashley Blake, Lorena Gil, Gail Sullivan

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Stephen Kolb

Community Members Present: Laura, Morgan, Phil, Torsten

7:03 pm Adoption of Agenda

- Committee adopted.

7:04 pm Welcome and Icebreaker- Spring is Here; What Are We Planting?

- Attendees cited indoor planting and repotting, utilizing the city's compost pilot program; Zinnia's and Black-Eyed Susan's; weeding as needed; and tending to a community garden.

7:13 pm Community Updates - Round Robin

- [Cynthia's Bar and Bistro](#) is hosting a Streetcar Farewell from 5-7pm on 3/31(also an unofficial kickstart for the H Street BID)
- [6A Neighbor Jeremiah will be providing a few free and for-sale H Street Streetcar prints](#)
- [The Itty Bitty Community Mosquito Population Committee is seeking input](#) to help gauge community interest in trap deployment and participation in neighborhood-wide pesticide-free mosquito management tactics
- There is a No Kings event on March 28, 2026
- Office of Planning is hosting a series of RFK Open Houses and more information can be [found here](#)
- [Candidate Forum](#) opportunity through DCFPI
- [Free DC Ward 6 meeting](#) taking place on April 6, 2026
- [Spring DPR Classes](#)
- [Councilmember Allen Office Hours](#) and a shout out for his newsletter
- Committee member Gail Sullivan asked whether anyone/group in Ward 6 is hosting a Cherry Blossom event
 - Chair Blake and group: Not to our awareness

7:25 pm Community Grants

- Chair Ashley Blake reminded the group of the ANC6A [community grants](#) program and touched briefly on allocations and application
- Committee member Gail asked whether schools were eligible to apply
 - Chair Blake tentatively noted no, and the ANC administrator confirmed DCPS cannot apply but PTOs and PTAs are able to

7:32 pm H Street Business Improvement District (BID) Presentation

- Phil Coppage- owner of Cynthia's Bar and Bistro, joined the Committee to provide an overview of the H Street BID effort. Key takeaways include:
 - Despite there being 13-14 BIDs in the district that help support and connect thriving communities, H Street does not have a BID, but we do have a need

- A BID is an organization funded through commercial property taxes that help support services to business districts, i.e. clean-ups, public relations, public safety, place-improvement funds, etc.
- In order to move forward, 51% of commercial property owners need to support
- City Council needs to pass, and Mayor needs to approve; in total, this process can take about 18-24 months, and the H Street BID process is about 6 months in
- A 501c(6) has been started to support the process
- Greater H Street BID (501 c6) mission is to organize and promote H Street BID
- BID Consultants are pending; the same group that is helping with the H Street Land Use study
- A CID (Community Improvement District) steering community has also been developed and Phil is looking for 5-6 neighbors to join and support
- [Folks can check out the website and join the H Street BID list serve to hear more \(see more below\)](#)
- Phil offered final calls to action, including:
 - Join the list serv
 - Come to Cynthia's happy hour on March 31, 2026
- Comments/Questions
 - Commissioner Kolb and attendees shared encouragement
 - Per a request from Committee member Sullivan, Phil spoke to the difference between BIDs and Main Streets

7:57 pm Procott Overview

- Torsten Knabe provided an overview of Free DC, which is sponsoring the district-wide Procott campaign
- Torsten provided an overview of Boycott's vs. Procott's. Key takeaways:
 - Procott = connecting consumers to businesses that align with our values
 - Business that have joined the Procott have signed a [pledge aligning with these values](#)
- The Procott is district wide, but examples of ANC 6A businesses who've "pledged" include:
 - The Queen Vic
 - Granville Moore's
 - Fresco Taqueria
- For more information, [see here](#)
- *Comments/Questions*
 - Committee member Sullivan asked if Torsten could provide another look at the decal that folks can look for to identify a Procott engaged business
 - Chair Blake asked what the process is for identifying businesses
 - Torsten noted that Free DC members are trained through *Canvassing efforts to provide outreach*
 - *Chair Blake asked about any new businesses pending in Ward 6*
 - *Torsten noted there are a few, primarily in SW*
 - Committee member Sullivan noted that the next no-spend day on May 1 could also be an opportunity to support business connected to the Procott

8:13 pm Wrap Up

- Chair Blake thanked attendees and presenters, and reminded folks that the next meeting is April 27, 2026 (4th Monday of the month)
- Chair Blake also asked attendees if they have a preference for in-person or virtual meetings and a few folks noted virtual.