

Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee (COC)
July 27, 2026 7:00-8:15 pm

Present:

- Commissioner Amber Gove
- Chair Ashley Blake
- Committee Members: Lorena Gil, Gail Sullivan
- Presenters: Molly Ryan (Third Space at Atlas), Claire Bengur (Third Space at Atlas), Raji Rankins (DC Creative Institute)
- Attendees: Mia Mathis, Brandon Shure, Daniel Aboagye

7:02 pm - Icebreaker

- What does community mean to you?
 - Empowerment, survival, joy, connection, support, teamwork, seeing and being seen...

7:08 pm - Community Resource Round Robin

- Gas in your home - public service commission testimony
- Heads up for folks who have cleaners coming to their home, there has been a string of break-ins in their cars
- Commissioner Shapiro recently shared a transportation survey and welcomes feedback
- Sherwood Recreation Center is due for a rehab!

7:15 pm - Community Presentations

- DC Creative Institute - Raji Rankins
 - DCCI is a third space that prioritizes youth focused events and also serves as a creative incubator/out of school time location. They also rent the space to community partners.
 - Upcoming events include:
 - Jazz concert (August 8 at 7pm)
 - Community workforce development event (Aug 1 at 12pm)
 - Monthly small business pop-up (every 4th Saturday)
 - DC Cultural Week/Art All Night (Sept 12)
 - You can see more at DC Creative Institute on Instagram
 - *Comments and Questions*
 - Is DCCI connected to Marion Barry summer program?
 - Yes! There is a number of opportunities that DCCI facilitate but they hone in on sewing and design
 - Who are core partners for DCCI? DC Commission of Arts and Humanities and Events DC
 - How much is the rental fee?
 - Fee for 4-hour block is \$300

- Capacity is capped at 150 for indoor events
 - How can seniors, who maybe do not have Instagram, stay connected to DCCI?
 - Raji would be happy to connect with folks who have ideas on this
 - Chair Blake recommended DCCI shared flyers with The Villages at Capitol Hill and/or Capitol Hill Towers
- Third Space at Atlas - Claire Bengur and Molly Ryan
 - Third Space is an offshoot of Atlas Salon that leverages the space and focuses on community outreach and engagement opportunities/events that help to build connection and ensure folks have access to a “connection space”
 - Often Third Space donates profits from events to local non-profits
 - Capacity is capped at 24
 - Upcoming or standing events include:
 - Meditation on Tuesday nights
 - Sound bath on Sunday mornings
 - Coffee pop-ups on Thursdays or Friday’s mornings
 - “Unlearning book club”
 - Open mic/Poetry Obscura Sept 6 at 6pm
 - *Comments and Questions*
 - How many floors?
 - Just one
 - Is there onsite support during events?
 - Yes!
 - Any insight into the corner lot next to Third Space?
 - Up for sale/looking for buyers
 - How does Third Space promote their events?
 - Typically on IG
 - Chair and Committee members suggested looking into a sandwich board that sits at H and 11th corner and/or sharing flyers with Capitol Hill Villages and Capitol Hill Towers as well

8:00 pm - RFK Master Plan Community Discussion

- Chair Blake highlighted the draft master plan for the new RFK Stadium
- *Comments and Questions:*
 - Is BRT confirmed?
 - Not yet a final plan, but related recommendations are helpful if we have them
 - Committee member shared that regular stops along H St would be helpful
 - It would be nice to see a regular donation of tickets to kids in the neighborhood
 - Agreed
- Conversation was otherwise limited, but Commissioner Gove and Chair Blake asked those present to please share comments with Chair Blake by the weekend of 8/7 if

wanting to ensure they are incorporated into the set of recommendations the 6A ANC is drafting.

8:15-pm - Adjourned

- Chair Blake adjourned the meeting with a reminder about the August meeting and appreciation for engagement when choosing to attend a Community Outreach Committee meeting.