

Agenda
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Community Outreach Committee (COC)
September 28, 2026 7:00-8:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present

- Committee Members:
 - Gail S., Daniel A.
- ANC Commissioners
 - Commissioner Hammer
- Community Members
 - Susan, Derek, Jeremiah
- Presenters:
 - Ben - We Power
 - Rohan - We Power
 - Laura - Solar for All

7:04 pm Introductions & Icebreaker: What are you looking forward to most about fall?

- Changing of the leaves
- Halloween decorations
- Hiking opportunities
- Sports and football season!

7:10 pm Community Round Robin

- Senior Summit taking place on 9/30 from 9-2pm at old Auto Zone (Commissioner Butler has shared a flyer with the ANC forum)
- ANCs 6A06 and 7D06 will host a community walk with Councilmembers Allen (Ward 6) and Felder (neighboring Ward 7) from 5-6pm on October 21. The group will meet across 14th St. NE from the Chik-Fil-A at the small triangle of grass and trees. Please arrive at 4:45pm. All are welcome and invited to attend
- Ludlow Taylor is hosting a [community garden dedication](#) on 10/7, and Councilmember Allen will be in attendance; folks are welcome to join if they RSVP at the included link
- [Ward 6 Free DC October Mtg](#) is taking place on 10/5 and folks are welcome to attend and organize to get free!
- At the ANC monthly meeting on 10/8, Brandon Bush, Engagement Coordinator, Grow Democracy DC will give a presentation on ranked choice voting

7:18 pm Community Presentations

- We Power
 - See attached deck

- [See here](#) for a public power pledge in support of endorsing an energy system that puts people before profit!
- *Comments and Questions:*
 - *How do current shut-off stats compare to prior years?* Doubled over the last 6 years
 - *One community member shared their experience attending Public Service Commission meetings, and asked if there is a goal to bring Pepco back to DC?* Pepco being DC-based does not necessarily fix the issue because it is still positioned as a for-profit company as opposed to publicly owned entity
 - *Is We Power recommending people shift to Community Solar?* Not as a formal recommendation, no - just not a part of their platform but have no issue with it
 - *Why is there a delay on broader advocacy campaign around the pledge?* We Power is currently focused on addressing the immediate and acute issue of access/shut-offs, and a larger campaign would take much more time and resources- they will get to this next year
 - *Does We Power engage much with the Council?* Yes, particularly Councilmember Allen. There is some support for this work, but also a recognition that it will take considerable political will to advance a publicly owned utility company due to the funding and fight that Exelon and others will counter with
- Solar for All
 - See attached deck
 - *Comments and Questions*
 - One community member asked about wait times across different solar programs and Laura clarified that she cannot speak for other companies, but understands capacity is a real issue for many groups
 - So how would someone know if their income bypassed it? Do you send something out to participants? No, Solar for All updates their website and materials but are not sending that information directly to clients
 - After you get to that 500 or \$600 threshold, does that mean your bill just goes back to whatever Pepco's going to charge you? It is divvied up throughout the year. If all of that were used and there were no more, it would just be... it would be zero for one month. There would be no credit applied.
 - Are you in the seniors community? Because some of the seniors might not know about the program(s). Yes, Solar for All coordinates with DACL and goes out to various senior fests
 - Another community member shared appreciation for Solar for All and their offerings

8:05 pm Discussion: Community Safety

- Commissioner Hammer and Chair Blake shared some context for the conversation, which includes their ongoing discussions around how to view and frame safety as a broad and holistic approach to community well-being, and the various factors, partnerships, resources and responses that may be top of mind for people
- *Comments and Questions:*
 - Some community members see 8th and H + Popeye's on H as hot spots for negative engagement - ideas to address:
 - More street outreach
 - More tabling
 - A reframe on 8th and H as a known community hub with ongoing, multi-generational relationships
 - E-bikes/transportation safety is top of mind for some; folks using bikes and scooters on the sidewalk are creating a major safety hazard
 - Group discussed some local legislation moving to address
 - Narcan accessibility is something we should continue to be mindful of and support
 - A community member reminded us that if you "see something, say something"; we are not asking people to insert themselves in potentially violent encounters, but knowing some de-escalation tactics is important and helpful
 - Get to know your neighbors - a small but meaningful reminder
 - More clean-up/safe disposal of condoms, needles, etc. is needed around H and K, in alleys, etc.
 - Chair Blake offered to reach out to HIPS to see if they have recommendations for how to address. May also reach out to the city.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm