

HANDOUTS



Meeting Agreements

We are here to explore ideas.

We are here to learn from others.

We are here to connect, not to conflict.

Pocket Meetings are meant to be a dialogue, not a debate.
In a dialogue, mutual understanding is the goal.

By participating in this Pocket Meeting, I will strive to:

- **Value all voices.** Make sure there is room for the quietest people to be heard in the conversation.
- **Listen to understand others.**
- **Speak from my own experience.** Say “I” not “people” or “we.”
- **Not speak over or interrupt others.** One mic, one voice.



Acuerdos de reunión

Estamos aquí para explorar ideas.

Estamos aquí para aprender de los demás.

Estamos aquí para conectarnos, no para entrar en conflicto.

**Esta reunión estaba destinada a ser un diálogo, no un debate.
En un diálogo, la comprensión mutua es la meta.**

Al participar en esta Reunión de Bolsillo, me esforzaré por:

- Valora todas las voces. Asegúrese de que haya espacio para que se escuche a las personas más calladas en la conversación.
- Escuchar para comprender a los demás.
- Hablo desde mi propia experiencia. Diga "yo", no "personas" o "nosotros".
- No hables por encima ni interrumpas a los demás. Un micrófono, una voz.

History of community-defined goals

Priorities from the North of Lehigh Plan and the Heart of Kensington Plan focused on:

- **Improved safety and mitigating the drug market.**
- **Changing the trajectory of resident health outcomes.**
- **Improving housing for residents and creating affordable housing options in a deteriorating rental stock.**
- **Reducing vacant land and improving/increasing/activating green space**
- **Spurring economic development to increase access to needed goods and services for residents.**
- **Facilitating street improvements.**
- **Invest in human capital providing professional and personal growth opportunities.**

Most recently following a groundswell of resident voices demanding action towards community health and safety a resident meeting with Council people occurred at Elkin School. A list of action items derived from the Elkin meeting was sent to the Governor and Mayor of Philadelphia. There were specific ideas of how to achieve goals, but in summary, those demands clearly asked for the following:

- **Eliminate Kensington as a Destination for Narcotics use. Support the reunification process for people outside the neighborhood.**
- **Parks and rec centers are immediately designated and enforced as safe spaces for children and families.**
- **Create a concise reporting mechanism.**
- **Provide housing for all.**
- **Provide treatment for all.**

Frequently used terms

Phrases you may run into in conversations about the neighborhood

Affordable housing—Housing that costs an owner or renter no more than 30 percent of their gross household income, including utilities.

Anchor projects—Projects that will have a great impact and positively impact the surrounding area.

Civics—Organized groups of residents whose official goal is to improve neighborhoods through volunteer work by its members.

Development—The process of converting land into a new purpose by constructing or using its resources.

Health and Wellness Corridors—Impact Services and NKCDC are coordinating projects along Kensington and Indiana Avenues to address health and safety issues identified by the community.

Mitigate the Drug Market—Work to reduce the problems around drugs.

NAC—Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) organizations help residents learn about City programs that could benefit them

Pockets—Groups of people who have agreed to meet to help plan the future of Kensington!

Social determinants of health—Non-medical factors that majorly affect people's health, like housing, nutrition, education, employment, transportation, child care, and more.

Zoning—State or local regulations that govern how property can be used in different places.

Please review both the open questions and past priorities

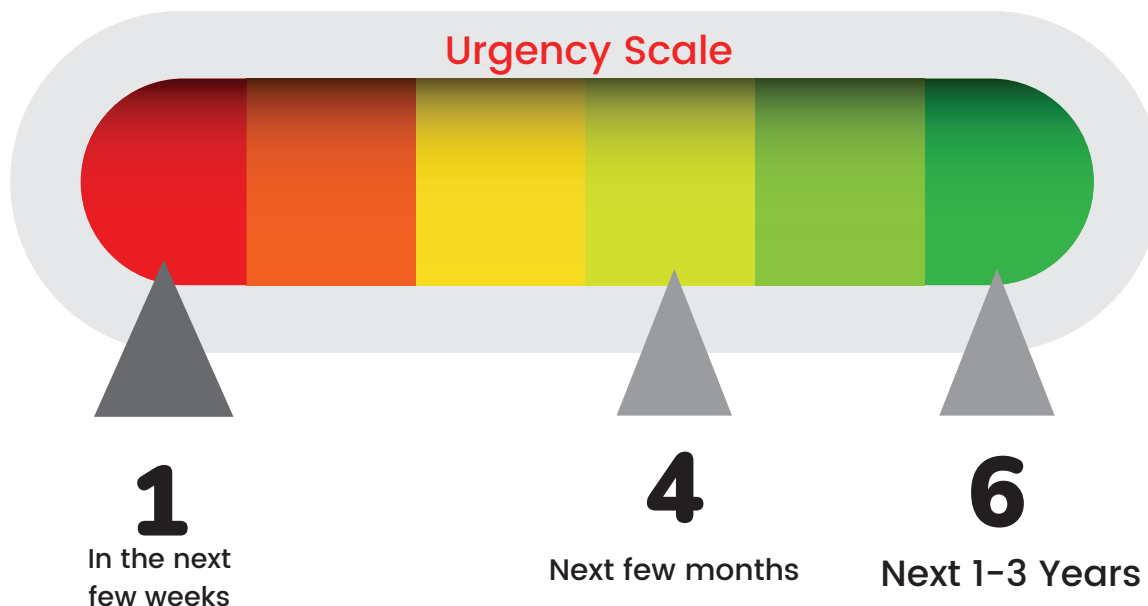
Thinking about reprioritizing goals and what continues to be most relevant.

How urgent are the following components, and what specific objectives are most important?

What do these topics mean for you? and what specific objectives are most important?

Please tell us how urgent the past priorities are to you using the urgent scale. (1 being extremely urgent, and 6 meaning it can wait.)

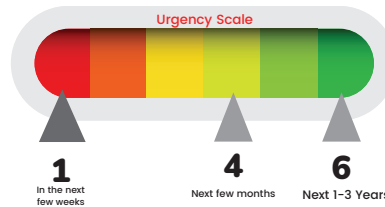
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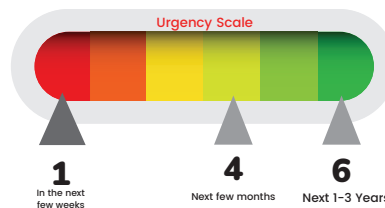
Please review the questions about past community-defined priorities

Past Priorities

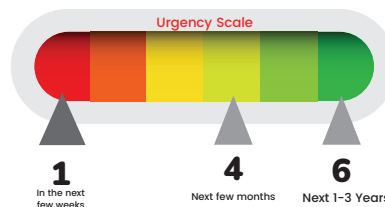
Mitigating the narcotics trade (What does it mean for you, how urgent is this?)



Safety and cleanliness of public spaces such as streets, sidewalks, public transit stations, parks, recreational centers, and reclaiming vacant land.



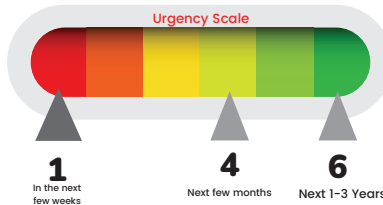
Economic development (programs, policies, or activities that seek to improve the small businesses' well-being and quality of life for a community)
(What does it mean for you, how urgent is this?)



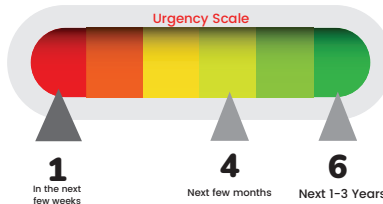
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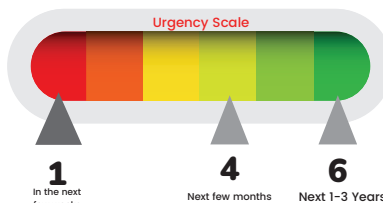
Invest in Human capital (Provide professional and personal growth opportunities)



Housing: affordable rental, affordable home ownership, low-income rental units, renovation of residents' homes, housing for all, and transitional housing. (What does it mean for you, how urgent is this?)



Resident health (changing health outcomes by providing access to resources)



Please review the open questions about Kensington

Open questions

What are the neighborhood strengths to build on?

What are the biggest challenges in the neighborhood and how have they changed in recent years?

What do you think is preventing positive long-lasting change in Kensington?

What stresses you out most about our living conditions?

How could we improve our living conditions?

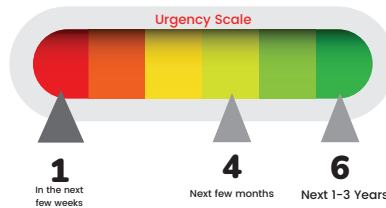
What else do we need to transform our block?

What else do we need to support our community?

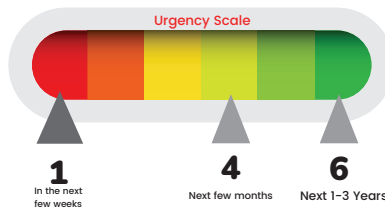
New Ideas

Are there priorities you think should be added to the list? If so list them below along with how urgent you think they are

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