



# **PLANNING KENSINGTON TOGETHER**

**Join a movement for  
community-led  
development**

**For years, efforts to  
address Kensington's  
problems have  
fallen short.**



# Operation Sunrise 1998

Philadelphia Inquirer



# Block by Block Approach 2012

Philadelphia Inquirer



# Clearing Conrail Tracks

## 2017

Washington Times

## **THESE SOLUTIONS FAILED BECAUSE THEY**

- **Lacked resources**
- **Lacked community input**
- **Didn't address  
interconnected issues**

**But the Kensington  
community has been  
resilient**



## Neighborhood cleanups





**Community meetings**



**Play Streets and block parties**

**Now we have come to  
a moment where real  
change is possible**

# The state is investing in Kensington



A man with a grey beard, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and blue tie, is speaking into a microphone at a podium. He is in a library setting with bookshelves in the background. A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black blazer and a white polka-dot blouse, is seated to his right, looking towards him. The background features bookshelves filled with books, a string of warm white lights, and two framed signs that say "TEEN FICTION!".

**The city is investing in  
Kensington**



**And the community is joining together to get things done**

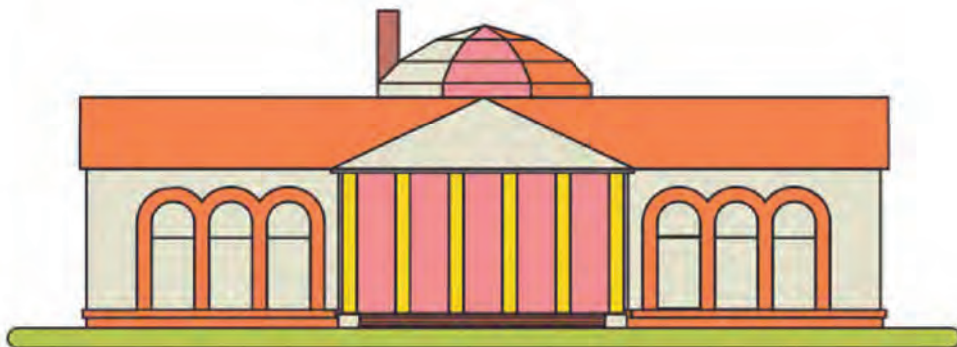
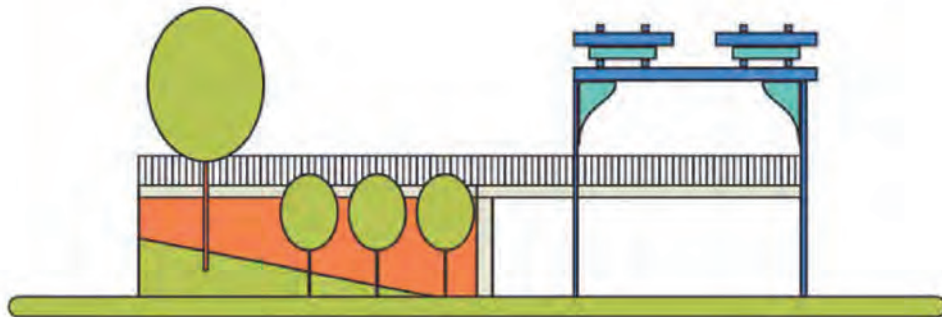
# McPherson Square PlayPark

2022

Daisie Cardona



# Impact & NKCDC Projects





# In 2021, City Council had a hearing at Lewis Elkin Middle School



**Afterward, neighborhood groups summarized concerns and suggestions from the meeting, and sent them as action items to Mayor Kenney.**



**Noelle Foizen**  
Director, Opioid Response Unit

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# 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 try 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.