

FACILITATOR PACKET

Presentation Notes

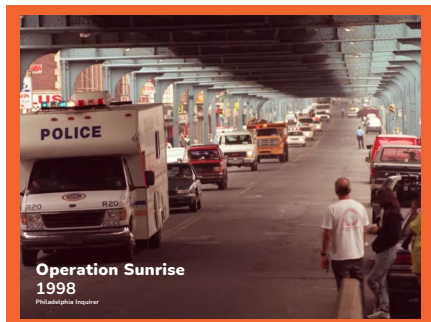
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*You can have this slide on the screen during the **Welcome and Introductions**.*



***Begin the Conversation** on this slide. It's a good idea to read what's the screen for anyone who doesn't like reading or can't see the screen.*



Some people in your group may remember these city initiatives. Dr. Bill McKinney's essay for WHYY, "History is repeating in Kensington," is a good start for more information. Go to kensingtonplan.org/resources for the link.



The Block by Block approach of 24th District Capt. Charles Vogt began in 2012.

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The city cleared a large encampment from the Conrail tracks near Gurney Street in 2017

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

These solutions lacked sufficient resources and expertise, lacked community input, and didn't address interconnected issues.

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But the Kensington community has been resilient:



Neighborhood cleanups



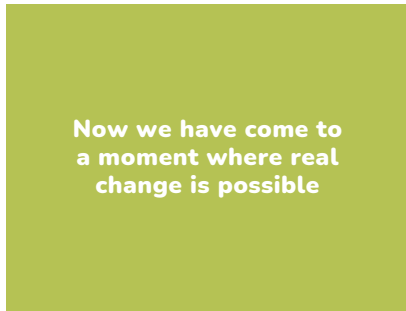
Community meetings

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Play Streets and block parties

Ask the group for other examples of how Kensington neighbors have strengthened our community



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



The state is investing in Kensington



The city is investing in Kensington

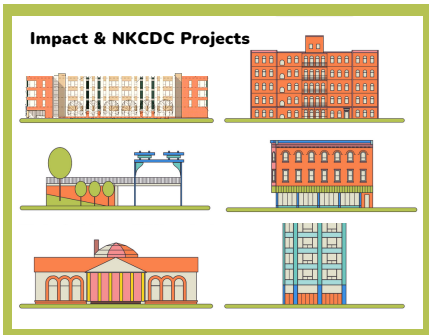


And the community is joining together to get things done. This is a Philadelphia Inquirer photo from the protest that got the Somerset El stop open again, in March 2021.

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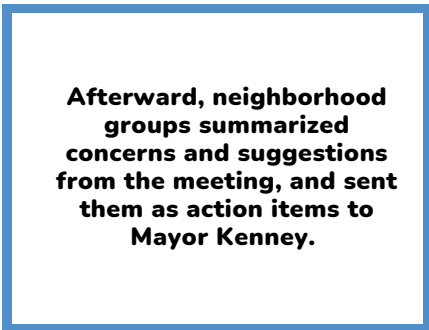
Last year neighbors, nonprofits, and city agencies worked together to create safe play spaces at McPherson Square, Hissey Playground, and Harrowgate Park.



Impact Services and NKCDC are working together on projects on Kensington and Indiana Avenues. Their vision for “Health and Wellness Corridors” comes from community planning conversations like the one we’re having today.



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



Afterward, a coalition of neighborhood groups summarized concerns and solutions that people had talked about at the hearing, and sent the summary to Mayor Kenney. The group kept meeting and adding new members, and revised its call to action for the Kenney administration.

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Noelle Foizen from the Philadelphia Opioid Response Unit says this call to action is what led to the city to dedicate some of its Opioid Settlement Funds to Kensington parks, schools, home repair, foreclosure prevention, and rental assistance.

This meeting has two goals:

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1. To get your feedback
on these priorities

1. To get your feedback on these priorities that came out of the Elkin School meeting

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2. To hear your priorities
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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 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.

Pass out the "Meeting Agreements" handout.

Before we start talking, it's helpful to agree about what this conversation is...