

Video

Pandemic Response: New York's Neighborhoods Now Initiative

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00:00:00 --> 00:00:03: Hi, I'm Jennifer pair and I will be the moderated 00:00:03 --> 00:00:05: for our panel today. 00:00:05 --> 00:00:07: When I think about the COVID-19 pandemic, 00:00:07 --> 00:00:10: I constantly oscillate between the very large in the very 00:00:11 --> 00:00:11: small. 00:00:11 --> 00:00:15: We recently surpassed 3,000,000 deaths worldwide from COVID and sadly 00:00:15 --> 00:00:18: there are so many individuals in our friends and our 00:00:18 --> 00:00:20: families who we've lost to this virus. 00:00:20 --> 00:00:24: There's the ubiquitous fear COVID-19 has found across communities and 00:00:24 --> 00:00:28: the attacks and hate crimes perpetrated against individuals, 00:00:28 --> 00:00:32: specifically Asians. There is a global economic catastrophe when it 00:00:32 --> 00:00:35: comes for all travel and commerce has been halted. 00:00:39 --> 00:00:42: There's a global economic pastor fee that comes when all 00:00:42 --> 00:00:43: travel and commerce is halted, 00:00:43 --> 00:00:47: and then seeing shop after shop in my neighborhood posting 00:00:47 --> 00:00:48: stores for rent signs, 00:00:48 --> 00:00:51: I think about the ubiquity of ambulance sirens in the early days of the pandemic and the silence at night 00:00:51 --> 00:00:54: 00:00:54 --> 00:00:56: of a once vibrant community. 00:00:56 --> 00:00:58: For all of us cope it is very real. 00:00:58 --> 00:01:01: However, like most things in life that pandemic didn't hit, 00:01:01 --> 00:01:03: New Yorkers equally here and across the country. 00:01:03 --> 00:01:08: COVID-19 has disproportionately affected communities of color. 00:01:08 --> 00:01:10: In response to the pandemic in New York, 00:01:10 --> 00:01:13: the urban design form in the Van Alen Institute launched

neighborhoods now to channel pro bono resources from New

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00:01:16> 00:01:19:	based design firms into community driven recovery strategies.
00:01:19> 00:01:22:	Our panel today is going to start with Daniel McPhee,
00:01:22> 00:01:25:	the executive director of the Urban Design Forum,
00:01:25> 00:01:27:	who will introduce the neighborhoods Now initiative.
00:01:27> 00:01:31:	Their nest, Sinclair and Farzana Gandhi will share their work
00:01:31> 00:01:34:	in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford Stuyvesant.
00:01:34> 00:01:37:	Next, David Brown will discuss the project in Washington Heights.
00:01:37> 00:01:41:	Following the presentations, we will have a discussion about the
00:01:41> 00:01:43:	successes and challenges of this initiative.
00:01:43> 00:01:46:	With that, I'm pleased to introduce Daniel McPhee.
00:01:46> 00:01:49:	Thank you, Jen, and thank you to the UI community
00:01:49> 00:01:50:	for welcoming us today.
00:01:50> 00:01:53:	I'm damik via the executive director of the Urban Design
00:01:53> 00:01:54:	Forum,
00:01:54> 00:01:57:	where a membership organization, gathering architects,
00:01:57> 00:02:01:	planners, developers and activists to confront the defining challenges facing
00:02:01> 00:02:02:	New York City.
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00:02:49> 00:02:52:	and there's a lack of access to excellent public health
00:02:52> 00:02:52:	care.
00:02:52> 00:02:56:	The pandemic hit hard and hit hardest in communities of
00:02:56> 00:02:56:	color.
00:02:56> 00:02:58:	Next came the economic crisis.
00:02:58> 00:03:03:	Our cities, immigrant communities, hospitality workers and cultural producers were
00:03:03> 00:03:06:	left with near nothing in relief.
00:03:06> 00:03:10:	Stimulus programs weren't reaching black and Latino businesses and food
00:03:10> 00:03:12:	pantries were slammed.
00:03:12> 00:03:15:	And yet New Yorkers kept finding ways to help their
00:03:15> 00:03:15:	neighbors.
00:03:15> 00:03:19:	Mutual aid groups emerged so people could call up neighbors
00:03:19> 00:03:22:	to ask for help with groceries or even take care
00:03:22> 00:03:24:	of their kids during the work day.
00:03:24> 00:03:27:	Following George Floyd's murder, many of us came back
	together
00:03:27> 00:03:28:	for the first time,
00:03:28> 00:03:31:	marching in masks across the Brooklyn Manhattan bridges.
00:03:31> 00:03:35:	It was a tremendous act of solidarity and proof of
00:03:35> 00:03:36:	our city's resilience.
00:03:36> 00:03:39:	Looting began to take place not only in wealthy neighborhoods
00:03:39> 00:03:39:	like Soho,
00:03:39> 00:03:41:	but in some neighborhoods across the city,
00:03:41> 00:03:44:	like the Northwest Bronx. It was one of the most
00:03:44> 00:03:48:	inspiring and difficult moments that many of us had ever
00:03:48> 00:03:49:	experienced in New York.
00:03:49> 00:03:52:	In that moment we needed a different kind of design
00:03:52> 00:03:52:	practice,
00:03:52> 00:03:55:	one that was focused on service to the neighborhoods that
00:03:55> 00:03:57:	had kept us safe during the pandemic.
00:03:57> 00:04:01:	To neighborhoods that were unable to access relief.
00:04:01> 00:04:05:	Into neighborhoods that unfairly seen the consequences of looting and
00:04:05> 00:04:06:	police violence.
00:04:06> 00:04:09:	With the Banana Institute, we began to wonder what the
00:04:09> 00:04:12:	design and development community could do in that same spirit
00:04:12> 00:04:13:	of mutual aid.
00:04:13> 00:04:15:	How can we support hard hit neighborhoods?
00:04:15> 00:04:17:	Get the guidance that they needed?

00:04:17> 00:04:20:	For the last year, it's been our privilege to support
00:04:20> 00:04:21:	11 outstanding community organizations,
00:04:21> 00:04:24:	navigate the challenges of reopening.
00:04:24> 00:04:26:	There are mix of social service providers,
00:04:26> 00:04:32:	business improvement districts, affordable houses and
	cultural groups.
00:04:32> 00:04:34:	They are located across four boroughs of the city and
00:04:34> 00:04:36:	serve a mix of black,
00:04:36> 00:04:38:	Latino, Asian neighborhoods that are home to many of our
00:04:38> 00:04:39:	cities,
00:04:39> 00:04:43:	thriving immigrant communities and essential workers.
00:04:43> 00:04:46:	Over 200 volunteers have joined us to provide pro bono
00:04:46> 00:04:46:	services,
00:04:46> 00:04:49:	and even though it was originally intended as a six
00:04:49> 00:04:49:	week Sprint,
00:04:49> 00:04:54:	we're still supporting many of our partners one year later.
00:04:54> 00:04:56:	Here's a look at the org chart.
00:04:56> 00:05:00:	Community partners are at the top defining the priorities and
00:05:00> 00:05:01:	directing our teams.
00:05:01> 00:05:05:	Working groups of designers were tasked with different kinds
	of
00:05:05> 00:05:05:	spaces,
00:05:05> 00:05:08:	from retail to restaurants to open space.
00:05:08> 00:05:12:	We also assembled a crew of wraparound experts representing community
00:05:13> 00:05:13:	development,
00:05:13> 00:05:16:	financial institutions, graphic designers, lawyers,
00:05:16> 00:05:20:	engineers and planning firms that advise each of our teams.
00:05:20> 00:05:23:	We also worked with a number of city agencies to
00:05:23> 00:05:26:	answer questions and navigate some of the city's challenging permitting
00:05:27> 00:05:27:	processes.
00:05:27> 00:05:29:	And we're at the bottom in an institute in the
00:05:30> 00:05:30:	urban design form.
00:05:30> 00:05:33:	Recruiting the partners, assembling the teams,
00:05:33> 00:05:36:	and facilitating a lot of the weekly calls to report
00:05:36> 00:05:38:	and share their learnings.
00:05:38> 00:05:40:	It's hard to sum up the vast amount of work
00:05:40> 00:05:41:	undertaken over the last year,
00:05:41> 00:05:43:	but I'm going to get a shot.
00:05:43> 00:05:47:	First off, we had some beautiful signage developed by our
00:05:47> 00:05:48:	teams in English,
00:05:48> 00:05:52:	Spanish, Bengali and Arabic, and distributed to hundreds of

small 00:05:52 --> 00:05:53: businesses. 00:05:53 --> 00:05:56: In bed stuy our graphic designers even welcomed local residents 00:05:56 --> 00:06:00: to volunteer their likenesses and developed a signage approach that 00:06:00 --> 00:06:03: proudly boasted the neighborhoods black and Muslim identities. 00:06:03 --> 00:06:07: Our teams help permit build out and preserve many retailers 00:06:07 --> 00:06:11: and restaurants including tropical rotisserie in the Northwest Bronx, 00:06:11 --> 00:06:13: depicted here. 00:06:13 --> 00:06:14: In one neighborhood, Jackson Heights, 00:06:14 --> 00:06:18: only one restaurant had signed up for outdoor operations before 00:06:18 --> 00:06:20: our team started knocking on doors. 00:06:20 --> 00:06:23: And they've since assisted over 20 restaurants. 00:06:23 --> 00:06:26: Teams are also responding to needs that are a lot 00:06:26 --> 00:06:27: harder photograph. 00:06:27 --> 00:06:29: We've hosted PBP loan workshops, 00:06:29 --> 00:06:36: led landlord tenant mediation clinics addressed longstanding building violations and 00:06:36 --> 00:06:37: much more. 00:06:37 --> 00:06:39: When the worst of the pandemic abated, 00:06:39 --> 00:06:42: we also began to strategize safe and socially distanced events, 00:06:42 --> 00:06:46: including a winter market complete with Santa behind plexiglass. 00:06:46 --> 00:06:49: And this summer we're hoping to contribute to community dealing 00:06:49 --> 00:06:50: with cultural programs and memorials, 00:06:50 --> 00:06:54: celebrating neighborhood heroes that we've lost. 00:06:54 --> 00:06:57: We've also been hard at work and public space. 00:06:57 --> 00:07:00: It's been so important as a place of refuge and 00:07:00 --> 00:07:02: respite during the pandemic. 00:07:02 --> 00:07:04: Teams have installed temporary plantings, 00:07:04 --> 00:07:07: wayfinding tools, and arts installations, 00:07:07 --> 00:07:10: and our work continues in advocating for deeper investment and 00:07:11 --> 00:07:14: better design in parks and plazas across the boroughs. 00:07:14 --> 00:07:17: And of course, there's plenty of guidance about how to 00:07:17 --> 00:07:18: return to the office safely. 00:07:18 --> 00:07:20: The capital improvements that might entail,

and some of the ventilation upgrades and things like that.

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00:07:24> 00:07:28:	We've captured most of our strategies on line at neighborhoods
00:07:29> 00:07:29:	now Dot NYC.
00:07:29> 00:07:33:	You can check out some of our trainings DIY plans
00:07:33> 00:07:37:	to improve public space and guidance about safely returning
	to
00:07:37> 00:07:37:	work.
00:07:37> 00:07:41:	We're only one small effort helping New York City
00:07:44 > 00:07:42:	neighborhoods
00:07:41> 00:07:42:	recover from the pandemic,
00:07:42> 00:07:45:	but I think we have the seed here of something
00:07:45> 00:07:45:	important,
00:07:45> 00:07:47:	which is designed law, finance,
00:07:47> 00:07:51:	public health, all aligning in service of community development.
00:07:51> 00:07:54:	I think the great promise of our community in this
00:07:54> 00:07:57:	moment is to empower underinvested communities to shape their own
00:07:57> 00:08:00:	futures and provide them with the resources that they need
00:08:00> 00:08:01:	to thrive.
00:08:01> 00:08:03:	Our work is far from done,
00:08:03> 00:08:05:	but it's been a year well spent an I'd love
00:08:05> 00:08:06:	to pass things off to my colleagues.
00:08:06> 00:08:10:	Farzana and Ernesta talk about their work in Bedford Stuyvesant.
00:08:10> 00:08:11:	Thank you.
00:08:15> 00:08:19:	Hi, my name is Farzana Ganian Firth from Fursona Gandhi
00:08:19> 00:08:23:	design studio and I'm here joined by Dennis Sinkler,
00:08:23> 00:08:27:	CEO of Bed Stuy Restoration Corp are most fabulous client
00:08:27> 00:08:29:	and favorite client.
00:08:29> 00:08:31:	As we like to say.
00:08:31> 00:08:35:	I work really extended beyond the solid line that you
00:08:35> 00:08:36:	see here,
00:08:36> 00:08:39:	which is the block that restoration owns and acts as
00:08:39> 00:08:43:	a landlord for what we saw was that restoration with,
00:08:43> 00:08:46:	through its commitment for the Community,
00:08:46> 00:08:50:	really extends its practices beyond to the Gateway bid,
00:08:50> 00:08:53:	which is represented by the dashed line in this math
00:08:54> 00:08:54:	and beyond.
00:08:54> 00:08:57:	And so we saw all of our work as a
00:08:57> 00:09:01:	prototype and as a model for the community at large.
00:09:01> 00:09:05:	The work that's represented today in our presentation is
	really
00:09:05> 00:09:07:	a collaboration between four firms.

00:09:07> 00:09:12:	Cone, Patterson fox, James Corner Field operations Farzana Gandhi design
00:09:12> 00:09:14:	studio and 80 Super lab.
00:09:14> 00:09:16:	With that, I'd like to hand it over to the
00:09:16> 00:09:19:	nest to chat a little bit about Restoration's mission.
00:09:24> 00:09:29:	Thank you so much for his honor and thank you
00:09:29> 00:09:29:	to Dan.
00:09:29> 00:09:33:	I'd like to just write out thank Van,
00:09:33> 00:09:38:	Alen Institute and Urban Design Forum for this initiative.
00:09:38> 00:09:44:	It was crucial to reviving the community of Bedford Stuyvesant,
00:09:44> 00:09:48:	and most of all I like to send my my
00:09:48> 00:09:48:	earnest.
00:09:48> 00:09:54:	Thanks and thanks for this organization to the dynamic.
00:09:54> 00:09:58:	Neighborhood now team that made it all happen.
00:09:58> 00:10:03:	Perfect service and restoration, which I'm the Chief Operating officer,
00:10:03> 00:10:08:	is the nation's first community development organization.
00:10:08> 00:10:11:	And it partners with residents and businesses to improve the
00:10:11> 00:10:13:	quality of life in Brooklyn.
00:10:13> 00:10:18:	Are located in Bedford Stuyvesant and will comprise of basically
00:10:18> 00:10:20:	9 buildings on a single block,
00:10:20> 00:10:26:	all of which provide either Commercial Services or program services
00:10:26> 00:10:28:	for the community.
00:10:28> 00:10:31:	The home of Vital program services for gaining employment,
00:10:31> 00:10:37:	securing financial sustainability and achieving overall Wellness with the goal
00:10:37> 00:10:40:	of closing the racial wealth gap.
00:10:40> 00:10:42:	I wanted to note that restoration,
00:10:42> 00:10:45:	arts and culture is.
00:10:45> 00:10:50:	A vital, vitally important entity and part of our organization
00:10:50> 00:10:54:	and that their offerings are renowned worldwide.
00:10:54> 00:10:58:	They are an essential component to community development.
00:10:58> 00:11:03:	In total, these programs work to ensure that all families
00:11:03> 00:11:08:	in central Brooklyn have the opportunity to become prosperous and
00:11:08> 00:11:09:	healthy.
00:11:09> 00:11:11:	Our organization dates back to 1966,
00:11:11> 00:11:15:	when Bobby Kennedy, along with in New York Mayor John
00:11:15> 00:11:17:	Lindsay and Senator Chaffetz,
00:11:17> 00:11:20:	presented his plan to about 1000 people.

00:11:20> 00:11:24:	The new entity that was formed in that day would
00:11:24> 00:11:30:	become what is now known as Bedford Stuyvesant
	Restoration Corporation.
00:11:30> 00:11:33:	The program for the development of Bedford Stuyvesant.
00:11:35> 00:11:39:	Will combine the best of Community Action with the best
00:11:39> 00:11:41:	of private enterprise systems.
00:11:41> 00:11:43:	Neither by itself is enough,
00:11:43> 00:11:48:	but in their combination lies our hope for the future.
00:11:48> 00:11:53:	The initiatives that were undertaken by neighborhood now have been
00:11:53> 00:11:58:	an integral part for ensuring the sustainability of vital community
00:11:58> 00:12:00:	development organizations.
00:12:00> 00:12:05:	This form of inspired collaboration follows the blueprint that gave
00:12:05> 00:12:07:	rise to restoration and its beginning.
00:12:07> 00:12:11:	It has sustained this creation and is now an anticipated
00:12:11> 00:12:14:	essential for rebuilding to scale this,
00:12:14> 00:12:20:	our nation's first community development organization.
00:12:20> 00:12:24:	The spirit and the substance upon which a fair and
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00:14:05> 00:14:06:	protect personnel.
00:14:06> 00:14:11:	Outfitting community, indoor and outdoor areas for social distancing.
00:14:11> 00:14:16:	Identifying protocols for cleaning and maintenance of offices and program
00:14:16> 00:14:20:	sites in alignment with CDC and governmental mandates.
00:14:20> 00:14:26:	Employing best practices for HVAC and air flow and repurposing
00:14:26> 00:14:31:	vacant spaces as places for convening and cultural use.
00:14:31> 00:14:35:	Also, we wanted to clearly convey messaging as two essential
00:14:35> 00:14:36:	protocols.
00:14:36> 00:14:39:	We wanted to help create a sense of confidence for
00:14:40> 00:14:44:	returning staff through expert implementation and over communication.
00:14:44> 00:14:48:	And we also wanted to support reopening efforts of tenants
00:14:48> 00:14:52:	located on the Plaza as well as their remote sites.
00:14:52> 00:14:54:	As a result of a concerted,
00:14:54> 00:15:00:	hands-on approach. By our neighborhood now team restoration has been
00:15:00> 00:15:05:	able to safely reopen multiple remote program sites including
	our
00:15:06> 00:15:06:	jobs.
00:15:06> 00:15:08:	Plus at the Pfizer location.
00:15:08> 00:15:14:	Our Economic solutions center. At the Restoration Plaza campus as
00:15:14> 00:15:17:	well as free tax preparation site an RDO.
00:15:17> 00:15:23:	Each vaccination site, which to date has vaccinated over 8000
00:15:23> 00:15:24:	people.
00:15:24> 00:15:27:	In 21 days that it's been open.
00:15:27> 00:15:31:	I'd like to turn this back over to Farzana Gandhi.
00:15:31> 00:15:36:	Who will take you through some of our other works
00:15:36> 00:15:38:	with our bid organizations?
00:15:38> 00:15:41:	Thank you your nest. Your work is an inspiration to
00:15:41> 00:15:44:	us all and it was an absolute pleasure and continues
00:15:44> 00:15:46:	to be a pleasure to work with you.
00:15:46> 00:15:48:	So to kick things off,
00:15:48> 00:15:51:	back in the summer, our team started with a robust
00:15:51> 00:15:54:	community engagement campaign.

00:15:54> 00:15:57:	Given COVID issues we had to do this virtually,
00:15:57> 00:16:02:	and so we started with a number of Community
00.40.00	conversations
00:16:02> 00:16:06:	on zoom where we invited over 21,000 community residents.
00:16:06> 00:16:09:	Over 820 people tuned in live on Facebook,
00:16:09> 00:16:14:	and many engage directly through questions and even posts of
00:16:14> 00:16:16:	questions in the chat.
00:16:16> 00:16:21:	We invited stakeholders representative of a variety of diverse sectors
00:16:21> 00:16:23:	within the bedside community,
00:16:23> 00:16:28:	including arts and culture, small businesses and religious organisations.
00:16:28> 00:16:32:	What we heard was that you know small businesses were
00:16:32> 00:16:34:	having trouble meeting COVID compliance.
00:16:34> 00:16:39:	There was inconsistent signage. There were long queues on sidewalks
00:16:39> 00:16:42:	and then there were many issues that plagued the bedside
00:16:42> 00:16:46:	community even prior to the pandemic that were exacerbated.
00:16:46> 00:16:49:	Issues of trash collection deliveries,
00:16:49> 00:16:52:	double parking congestion, lack of access and heat,
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00:18:08> 00:18:11:	Here is just one pamphlet opened up and you see
00:18:11> 00:18:15:	that it details many measures for how a small business
00:18:15> 00:18:21:	could reopen safely from hygiene and cleaning protocols to
00.10.13> 00.16.21.	protective
00:18:21> 00:18:26:	equipment protocols, how to protect ones customers through contact lens,
00:18:26> 00:18:30:	contactless payment options, flexible work hours,
00:18:30> 00:18:35:	and staggering staff to PPE dispensing and even DIY Outdoor
00:18:35> 00:18:38:	set sidewalk setups and barriers.
00:18:38> 00:18:42:	On the flip side of the pamphlet we detailed very
00:18:42> 00:18:46:	easy to follow diagrams that showed how one way flow
00:18:46> 00:18:52:	and circulation could be demonstrated within bodegas and small beauty
00:18:52> 00:18:54:	supply stores.
00:18:54> 00:19:00:	Partitions could be developed within hair and nail salons with
00:19:00> 00:19:04:	areas that could be set up for queuing an.
00:19:04> 00:19:09:	Various measures could be represented for outdoor setups for restaurants
00:19:09> 00:19:10:	and cafes.
00:19:10> 00:19:12:	We worked with partner and partners.
00:19:12> 00:19:14:	It's developed signage for the community.
00:19:14> 00:19:18:	We even invited our community to pose for that signage.
00:19:18> 00:19:22:	And then we worked with restoration on their block to
00:19:22> 00:19:23:	D,
00:19:23> 00:19:28:	densify their spaces, find one way flow for circulation safely
00:19:28> 00:19:32:	through the various buildings on their block.
00:19:32> 00:19:37:	D 10s. Find spaces for various uses and setting up
00:19:37> 00:19:43:	clear signage across the Plaza to develop those circulation flows.
00:19:43> 00:19:47:	We did. We developed a set of environmental graphics on
00:19:47> 00:19:51:	the plazas a series of 6 foot squares that could
00:19:51> 00:19:55:	be populated by a local artist with local ideas of
00:19:55> 00:20:01:	murals that celebrated the sites historic significance.
00:20:01> 00:20:07:	We started painting those squares and outlines for squares on
00:20:07> 00:20:08:	the Plaza.
00:20:08> 00:20:13:	We held community build days to paint additional wayfinding and
00:20:13> 00:20:18:	even produce barrier building workshops with the community.
00:20:18> 00:20:22:	And we received donations to plant the Plaza,
00:20:22> 00:20:26:	which was a much needed greening and an uplifting of

00:20:26> 00:20:27:	spirits.
00:20:27> 00:20:30:	As you can see here by a quote from our.
00:20:32> 00:20:38:	Our founder or CEO. Bedford Stuyvesant restoration quarters
	during a
00:20:38> 00:20:39:	sinkler.
00:20:41> 00:20:43:	And we ended or we followed our.
00:20:43> 00:20:47:	We continue our work with a series of small business
00:20:47> 00:20:52:	workshops here to present the community with safe COVID practices,
00:20:52> 00:20:56:	both indoor and outdoor. And how to make that happen.
00:20:56> 00:20:59:	With permits and funding. Here we are seeing just a
00:20:59> 00:21:04:	sample that starts to show an understand indoor ventilation strategies
00:21:04> 00:21:08:	and DIY filtration systems and even a slide that starts
00:21:08> 00:21:11:	to talk through outdoor heating possibilities.
00:21:11> 00:21:15:	But whether you're using electric versus fast.
00:21:15> 00:21:19:	And we continue our work with local partnerships not only
00:21:19> 00:21:24:	to meet the various centers that the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration
00:21:24> 00:21:26:	core allows us to engage with,
00:21:26> 00:21:29:	but and with the community beyond.
00:21:29> 00:21:32:	And we hope to develop a series of workshops and
00:21:32> 00:21:35:	programs to include our artists to develop murals,
00:21:35> 00:21:40:	memorials. An artist walks as we move forward to develop
00:21:40> 00:21:46:	additional social and environmental resiliency in our community.
00:21:46> 00:21:48:	With that, I'd like to hand it back to David
00:21:48> 00:21:50:	Brown from Woods Baggett,
00:21:50> 00:21:54:	who will speak a little bit about his work with
00:21:54> 00:21:55:	new trades now.
00:21:55> 00:21:57:	Great, thank you so much.
00:21:57> 00:21:59:	Hi, I'm really excited to be here to represent the
00:21:59> 00:22:03:	Washington Heights team and our efforts to support the local
00:22:03> 00:22:07:	community and the neighborhood now initiative in Washington Heights.
00:22:07> 00:22:10:	Our team consisted of cloth which is the Community League
00:22:10> 00:22:13:	of the Heights who are who was the Community group
00:22:13> 00:22:16:	and sort of facilitator of our conversations with the community.
00:22:16> 00:22:19:	The coordinating firm of Arab and the team of Stantec,
00:22:19> 00:22:23:	Ginzler Woods, Bagot and design advocates which approached public Space
00:22:23> 00:22:24:	office,
00:22:24> 00:22:26:	education, restaurants and retail.

00:22:28> 00:22:30:	So this quote by Yvonne Stone at the executive director
00:22:30> 00:22:31:	of Cloth,
00:22:31> 00:22:33:	really gave a lot of inspiration and motivation for our
00:22:33> 00:22:34:	work.
00:22:34> 00:22:36:	We are very concerned about her mom and pop small
00:22:36> 00:22:38:	businesses and their return.
00:22:38> 00:22:39:	What that can look like and also,
00:22:39> 00:22:42:	in reopening the community in a way that a celebratory
00:22:42> 00:22:45:	we're hoping that through this effort we can address not
00:22:45> 00:22:46:	just the small businesses,
00:22:46> 00:22:48:	but also give some kind of new look to the
00:22:48> 00:22:50:	neighborhood that reinvigorates our community.
00:22:50> 00:22:53:	And I think this idea of resilience and kind of
00:22:53> 00:22:55:	using that kind of reaction to a crisis as a
00:22:55> 00:22:57:	way to kind of transform for the better,
00:22:57> 00:22:58:	was something that we were.
00:22:58> 00:23:00:	It was very top of mine and the work that
00:23:00> 00:23:04:	we're doing collectively after numerous conversations with
	the community and
00:23:04> 00:23:05:	local business owners,
00:23:05> 00:23:07:	we understood that they had a lot of concerns around
00:23:08> 00:23:09:	and around the future.
00:23:09> 00:23:12:	Uncertainty because policy and regulations kept changing daily in the
00:23:12> 00:23:14:	early part of the pandemic so no one knew if
00:23:14> 00:23:17:	they were to make investments and build things like how
00:23:17> 00:23:19:	long that could last and so therefore it would be
00:23:19> 00:23:22:	worth the financial investment in public health and safety were
00:23:22> 00:23:24:	obviously top online as you as you could imagine at
00:23:24> 00:23:27:	that time. So those fear about kind of what and
00:23:27> 00:23:29:	a lack of understanding about what to do.
00:23:29> 00:23:30:	And how they could do it?
00:23:30> 00:23:32:	So these were a few kind of key points that
00:23:32> 00:23:35:	cannot came up in our conversations around safe extension
	of
00:23:35> 00:23:37:	restaurants into the street,
00:23:37> 00:23:39:	protecting them from traffic, you know,
00:23:39> 00:23:42:	creating an all weather pavilion so that we could actually
00:23:42> 00:23:45:	extend that investment kind of into the winter months at
00:23:45> 00:23:46:	the early part of this,
00:23:46> 00:23:48:	when we were first engaging in conversations.
00:23:48> 00:23:51:	The restaurant program only went until September,

00:23:51> 00:23:53:	so there's no kind of idea of how it could
00:23:53> 00:23:54:	be extended,
00:23:54> 00:23:57:	so we were trying to think about about that.
00:23:57> 00:24:00:	You're in public spaces to allow for social distance activity,
00:24:00> 00:24:04:	creatively communicating COVID-19 safety guidelines so
	very similar to what
00:24:04> 00:24:06:	Frazzano was showing with the signage,
00:24:06> 00:24:08:	which is just amazing. Making use of available into your
00:24:08> 00:24:12:	outdoor spaces for educational programs and improving coordination with the
00:24:12> 00:24:15:	owners of vacant storefronts so that we can facilitate temporary
00:24:15> 00:24:17:	uses and activities.
00:24:17> 00:24:20:	So this led to our approach to help the community
00:24:20> 00:24:22:	really understand what the opportunities could be,
00:24:22> 00:24:25:	both short term and long term and create a toolkit
00:24:25> 00:24:28:	that would enable them to develop their own solutions.
00:24:28> 00:24:30:	So we looked at how we can support restaurants and
00:24:30> 00:24:31:	retailers.
00:24:31> 00:24:34:	We looked at how we can Createspace for outdoor programs
00:24:34> 00:24:35:	for education and other uses,
00:24:35> 00:24:39:	and how we can create a safe and healthy public
00:24:39> 00:24:40:	public realm.
00:24:40> 00:24:44:	Our concept proposals included multiple tools at the opportunity locations
00:24:44> 00:24:45:	we identified,
00:24:45> 00:24:49:	including permit applications, design solutions and signage and implementation map
00:24:49> 00:24:52:	so they know you know the kind of steps to
00:24:52> 00:24:55:	take in order to kind of implement some of these
00:24:55> 00:24:58:	strategies on their own and visuals that would help get
00:24:58> 00:25:01:	the community excited about what the potential could.
00:25:01> 00:25:04:	Because I think part of it was people didn't really
00:25:04> 00:25:07:	know what what actually could you know could take place
00:25:07> 00:25:09:	in on these in these open streets.
00:25:11> 00:25:14:	So we developed, you know these resources to help people
00:25:14> 00:25:16:	kind of understand what to do.
00:25:16> 00:25:19:	You know which included tips on how to create their
00:25:19> 00:25:19:	own furniture,
00:25:19> 00:25:21:	where to kind of source the materials,
00:25:21> 00:25:24:	how much things cost so that they could get a
00:25:24> 00:25:27:	really good understanding of what they can afford to do.
00:25:27> 00:25:30:	You know, backgrounds on sort of the permit application so

00:25:30 --> 00:25:31: that people know, 00:25:31 --> 00:25:34: kind of how to do it and how to kind 00:25:34 --> 00:25:37: of apply to build the restaurants in the outdoor spaces. 00:25:37 --> 00:25:40: This is an overall map that the team developed to 00:25:40 --> 00:25:42: identify opportunity locations, 00:25:42 --> 00:25:44: including you know, places where we could. 00:25:44 --> 00:25:47: We thought it would be good ideas for open streets, 00:25:47 --> 00:25:49: places. We thought that there could be more kind of 00:25:49 --> 00:25:51: food and beverage activation. 00:25:51 --> 00:25:54: Certain different clauses that we wanted to activate and allow 00:25:54 --> 00:25:57: kind of businesses to kind of spill out into and 00:25:57 --> 00:25:59: sort of ways to kind of expand the pedestrian space 00:25:59 --> 00:26:01: to get more. 00:26:01 --> 00:26:03: Opportunity for people to spread out. 00:26:06 --> 00:26:09: Here's a plan and kind of image that Stantec developed 00:26:09 --> 00:26:11: as part of their public Space Research. 00:26:11 --> 00:26:14: This is looking at the Plaza de Las Americas, 00:26:14 --> 00:26:17: which was once a kind of thriving space in the 00:26:17 --> 00:26:18: in the Community, 00:26:18 --> 00:26:22: with farmers markets and and kind of temporary retail and 00:26:22 --> 00:26:23: outdoor dining that was, 00:26:23 --> 00:26:27: you know, just utterly decimated by COVID and became the 00:26:27 --> 00:26:28: real kind of barren spot. 00:26:28 --> 00:26:31: And in the neighborhood. So they're currently working. 00:26:31 --> 00:26:33: Actually with the United Palace, 00:26:33 --> 00:26:36: which is one of the. 00:26:36 --> 00:26:38: Kind of. 00:26:38 --> 00:26:41: Spaces, that's kind of acting on the edge of the 00:26:42 --> 00:26:46: Plaza and with Witikon nonprofit to kind of implement some 00:26:46 --> 00:26:47: of these ideas. 00:26:47 --> 00:26:49: And this is a proposal by Gensler to create outdoor 00:26:49 --> 00:26:52: classrooms or using easy to build furniture elements. 00:26:52 --> 00:26:54: And you know they're kind of looking at where they 00:26:54 --> 00:26:56: can locate in the community. 00:26:56 --> 00:26:58: Close too close to schools and close the book stores 00:26:58 --> 00:27:01: so there can be some kind of outdoor reading spaces 00:27:01 --> 00:27:04: and have kind of outdoor events and things like that, 00:27:04 --> 00:27:07: so this is also kind of in development and will 00:27:07 --> 00:27:10: be kind of built in the next coming months. 00:27:10 --> 00:27:11: And So what our team did, 00:27:11 --> 00:27:13: the Woods Bagot team kind of looking at restaurants as 00:27:13 --> 00:27:16: we first started looking at the regulations and really kind

00:27:16> 00:27:19:	of understanding what the rules were so that we could
00:27:18> 00:27:21:	communicate that to the Community.
00:27:21> 00:27:24:	And then out of that we developed this kit apart.
00:27:24> 00:27:27:	Switch included Barack aid that's required to kind of create
00:27:27> 00:27:29:	the open streets and we tried to create something that
00:27:29> 00:27:32:	was safe and mobile so it can be easily moved
00:27:32> 00:27:35:	and we try to allow embedded infrastructure like waste
	collection
00:27:35> 00:27:37:	and an potential like water sources and stuff for the
00:27:37> 00:27:41:	community that they could actually become something more than just
00:27:41> 00:27:44:	a barricade, but actually something that kind of provides additional
00:27:44> 00:27:45:	urban amenity.
00:27:45> 00:27:48:	We developed this Flatpack restaurant kit that where we had
00:27:48> 00:27:50:	this idea that would be really nice if there could
00:27:51> 00:27:52:	be kind of off-site fabrication.
00:27:52> 00:27:54:	And then when it arrived on site,
00:27:54> 00:27:56:	will be very easy for laymen,
00:27:56> 00:27:59:	people that don't have experience building things to kind of
00:27:59> 00:28:02:	quickly and easily assemble it on site and really minimize
00:28:02> 00:28:03:	the kind of on site work.
00:28:03> 00:28:07:	And then finally kind of flexible furniture design that allowed
00:28:07> 00:28:10:	to adapt to a lot of different configurations.
00:28:10> 00:28:12:	So then we showed we took kind of one test
00:28:12> 00:28:15:	block on Broadway between 164th 165th St and and really
00:28:15> 00:28:18:	tried to visualize how you know during the week it
00:28:18> 00:28:21:	could be used for open restaurants and help kind of
00:28:21> 00:28:24:	activate those spaces and then on the weekends you could
00:28:24> 00:28:28:	actually kind of pull out that mobile furniture and those
00:28:28> 00:28:31:	barricades and really kind of create this active,
00:28:31> 00:28:33:	thriving kind of neighborhood space.
00:28:33> 00:28:36:	And we try to show how vacant storefronts could be
00:28:36> 00:28:38:	used to help store some of the barricades.
00:28:38> 00:28:40:	And some of the mobile furniture so that.
00:28:40> 00:28:44:	During the week they could easily kind of pulled out
00:28:44> 00:28:45:	and and removed.
00:28:45> 00:28:47:	We also gave you know,
00:28:47> 00:28:50:	again, sort of information on sort of pricing and sourcing
00:28:50> 00:28:50:	materials.
00:28:50> 00:28:53:	There was kind of a whole set of instructions that
00:28:53> 00:28:55:	about how to kind of put these things together.
00:28:55> 00:28:58:	You know what size? You know the material that would

00:28:58> 00:29:01:	be required and so that became kind of part of
00:29:01> 00:29:05:	our toolkit and instructions that we that we help provide.
00:29:05> 00:29:07:	And then we really kind of went into the design
00:29:07> 00:29:10:	of the all season canopy is as something that you
00:29:10> 00:29:12:	know we kind of went into more detail at the
00:29:12> 00:29:15:	time. Again, this will sort of July August last year.
00:29:15> 00:29:19:	We really wanted to actually kind of start the conversation
00:29:19> 00:29:22:	about extending the restaurant program into the winter.
00:29:22> 00:29:25:	Through this design, people weren't really talking about at
	that
00:29:25> 00:29:26:	time,
00:29:26> 00:29:27:	so we started thinking about it.
00:29:27> 00:29:30:	Kind of double layer skin where air from the inside
00:29:30> 00:29:31:	could exhaust out,
00:29:31> 00:29:34:	but it still protect from the wind and create kind
00:29:34> 00:29:35:	of a heated space.
00:29:35> 00:29:39:	And that would be easily kind of fabricated out of
00:29:39> 00:29:42:	these kind of flat flat panel pieces of plywood that
00:29:42> 00:29:44:	will be pre cut off site.
00:29:44> 00:29:47:	Actually, over the winter silento just a local restaurant in
00:29:47> 00:29:50:	the neighborhood reached out and wanted us to try to
00:29:50> 00:29:52:	install one of these for them.
00:29:52> 00:29:55:	So that kind of led us into kind of reaching
00:29:55> 00:29:56:	out to Home Depot and events.
00:29:56> 00:29:59:	Cape, who provided the materials and even skate,
00:29:59> 00:30:02:	provided the fabrication installation so you know,
00:30:02> 00:30:05:	huge thanks to our sponsors for this project,
00:30:05> 00:30:07:	but we went into a kind of design development mode
00:30:08> 00:30:09:	with Arab and you know,
00:30:09> 00:30:12:	really kind of vetted through the whole idea of this
00:30:12> 00:30:14:	kind of very simple.
00:30:14> 00:30:16:	Is you know easy assembled plywood,
00:30:16> 00:30:19:	plywood, pavilion, all made with kind of slotted connections.
00:30:19> 00:30:21:	We really wanted to try to minimize the need for
00:30:21> 00:30:24:	tools and stuff so that anyone could kind of put
00:30:24> 00:30:25:	this together easily onsite.
00:30:25> 00:30:28:	Numerous zoom calls to kind of work through some of
00:30:28> 00:30:31:	the details which got to be a little more complex
00:30:31> 00:30:32:	than we expected initially,
00:30:32> 00:30:36:	but we kind of developed it into this design.
00:30:36> 00:30:39:	That you see here. This Is Us kind of prototyping
00:30:39> 00:30:39:	it,

00:30:41 --> 00:30:42: can come together easily and quickly, 00:30:42 --> 00:30:45: and that you know all the pieces kind of fit 00:30:45 --> 00:30:46: together correctly. 00:30:46 --> 00:30:48: And we developed this little animation to help. 00:30:48 --> 00:30:51: Hopefully this place, yeah. 00:30:51 --> 00:30:53: To help you know whoever was putting it together, 00:30:53 --> 00:30:55: understand how to do it and kind of see the 00:30:55 --> 00:30:57: sequence of how how it comes together. 00:31:10 --> 00:31:11: Next slide, then even escape, 00:31:11 --> 00:31:13: started to do the fabrication. 00:31:13 --> 00:31:16: So everything was kind of build out using a CNC 00:31:16 --> 00:31:18: milling machine and they're in their factory. 00:31:18 --> 00:31:21: They installed it kind of and staged it in their 00:31:21 --> 00:31:22: in their space. 00:31:22 --> 00:31:24: Just because this was kind of a prototype, 00:31:24 --> 00:31:27: wanted to make sure we could work through any any 00:31:27 --> 00:31:27: issues, 00:31:27 --> 00:31:30: but it came together pretty quickly and easily, 00:31:30 --> 00:31:31: they said. 00:31:31 --> 00:31:34: This is the team, the design team and the construction 00:31:34 --> 00:31:34: team. 00:31:34 --> 00:31:37: Kind of in their space. 00:31:37 --> 00:31:40: This is Sergio who didn't make it for the first 00:31:40 --> 00:31:40: photo shoot. 00:31:40 --> 00:31:43: And this is them actually installing it on site, 00:31:43 --> 00:31:45: which just happened yesterday. So we're really excited. 00:31:45 --> 00:31:47: The team design team is going out Friday to help 00:31:47 --> 00:31:50: paint it and sort of celebrate the opening of this 00:31:50 --> 00:31:51: new space for for Cilento. 00:31:51 --> 00:31:54: So really excited to have been a part of this 00:31:54 --> 00:31:55: project. 00:31:55 --> 00:31:57: Nearest the team that can help put it together yesterday 00:31:57 --> 00:32:00: from advance Cape and some friends of the restaurant owner. 00:32:00 --> 00:32:02: Nuts, and that's it for me, 00:32:02 --> 00:32:04: so I'll hand it back over to Jenn to help. 00:32:04 --> 00:32:06: Kind of facilitate the conversation. 00:32:10 --> 00:32:14: Thanks David, and thank you to all of our panelists. 00:32:14 --> 00:32:18: I'm going to ask everyone to now turn on their 00:32:18 --> 00:32:22: videos in turn on their monitors and their microphones. 00:32:26 --> 00:32:29: And I'd like to start with a couple of questions

you know, trying to test to make sure that it

00:30:39 --> 00:30:41:

00:32:29> 00:32:30:	and earnest.
00:32:30> 00:32:33:	I have my first question is for you.
00:32:33> 00:32:37:	So you and Farzana touched on the many structural inequality's
00:32:37> 00:32:40:	that impact the lives of many people in bed stuy,
00:32:40> 00:32:42:	such as the colocation of social,
00:32:42> 00:32:47:	economic issues like overcrowding and health disparities that
00.02.42 > 00.02.41.	go on
00:32:47> 00:32:48:	for many generations.
00:32:48> 00:32:51:	While these issues have really led to a lot of
00:32:51> 00:32:53:	inequality over the decades,
00:32:53> 00:32:57:	the two issues of health and economic opportunities have really
00:32:57> 00:33:00:	been quite pronounced over the past year.
00:33:00> 00:33:03:	So my question for you is how do you see
00:33:03> 00:33:07:	these design interventions address these issues and other issues of
00:33:07> 00:33:11:	any qualities in the community that the bed stuy Restoration
00:33:11> 00:33:14:	Corporation works in?
00:33:14> 00:33:21:	Well, they've allowed us to continue to serve those
	populations.
00:33:21> 00:33:27:	That have that are be set by any qualities that
00:33:27> 00:33:32:	are set by health issues and financial issues.
00:33:32> 00:33:36:	We've been able to get back on site.
00:33:36> 00:33:40:	We have remote sites and we have our our main
00:33:40> 00:33:40:	site.
00:33:40> 00:33:44:	We've been able to get back on site and to
00:33:44> 00:33:50:	start working face to face with people over the timeline
00:33:50> 00:33:51:	of the pandemic.
00:33:51> 00:33:56:	We have been focusing basically on doing a lot of
00:33:56> 00:33:57:	our work remotely,
00:33:57> 00:34:03:	but as we've seen even with something so simple as
00:34:03> 00:34:04:	just attacks site.
00:34:04> 00:34:08:	Certain things need to be done in person and with
00:34:08> 00:34:12:	the help of the neighborhood now team are wonderful team.
00:34:12> 00:34:15:	We've been able to.
00:34:15> 00:34:20:	Number one. Make staff feel safe so they want to
00:34:20> 00:34:26:	come back on site and also to provide additional protections
00:34:26> 00:34:30:	for clients and staff so they are able to resume.
00:34:30> 00:34:31:	Their work.
00:34:34> 00:34:36:	So it's essentially been it's.
00:34:36> 00:34:39:	It's been a great effort overtime and we hope to
00:34:39> 00:34:43:	be able to continue to work with neighborhood now to

00:24:42 > 00:24:45:	
00:34:43> 00:34:45: 00:34:48> 00:34:51:	expand on our phase reopenings. Maybe I can just add to that their nest.
00:34:51> 00:34:54:	I think that you know.
00:34:54> 00:34:58:	What what the pandemic really brought to light was that
00:34:58> 00:35:03:	. , , , , ,
00:35:03> 00:35:05:	you know the structural sort of systemic inequality is that
	many of our communities face.
00:35:05> 00:35:10:	Perhaps things that planners and architects and public officials knew
00:35:10> 00:35:10:	about,
00:35:10> 00:35:14:	but it really wasn't part of the public conversation,
00:35:14> 00:35:18:	right? And I think that that's been a positive that
00:35:18> 00:35:21:	has come out of all of this right,
00:35:21> 00:35:24:	that I think we are all now more aware of
00:35:24> 00:35:28:	these issues and it's really up to architects and designers
00:35:29> 00:35:31:	to kind of step up and be a part of
00:35:31> 00:35:36:	that conversation. And I think the way that design can
00:35:36> 00:35:37:	start to.
00:35:37> 00:35:41:	Create some some effect or change to the communities.
00:35:41> 00:35:46:	Benefit is through empowering the communities a lot of the
00:35:46> 00:35:49:	work that David shared right in terms of low cost
00:35:49> 00:35:50:	solutions,
00:35:50> 00:35:55:	DIY solutions, things that community members can build on their
00:35:55> 00:35:55:	own.
00:35:55> 00:35:59:	We've also been developing a kit of parts for quickly
00:35:59> 00:36:03:	deployable furniture for vacant lot proposals,
00:36:03> 00:36:06:	for example, that we hope to roll out in the
00:36:06> 00:36:07:	later springs.
00:36:07> 00:36:11:	The summer and really empowering the community through education and
00:36:11> 00:36:12:	community.
00:36:12> 00:36:17:	Communicating how these things can be done quickly.
00:36:17> 00:36:21:	Is is part of. I think the design solution.
00:36:21> 00:36:25:	Arizona you brought up a couple of different issues that
00:36:25> 00:36:26:	I'd love to.
00:36:26> 00:36:29:	I'd love to hear from the rest of the panel
00:36:29> 00:36:30:	on one of them was about.
	on one of them was about.
00:36:30> 00:36:35:	Ann, where designers are typically located in the conversation and
00:36:30> 00:36:35: 00:36:35> 00:36:38:	Ann, where designers are typically located in the
	Ann, where designers are typically located in the conversation and
00:36:35> 00:36:38:	Ann, where designers are typically located in the conversation and the role that designers have and what
00:36:35> 00:36:38: 00:36:39> 00:36:41:	Ann, where designers are typically located in the conversation and the agency and the role that designers have and what it means to empower a community.

00:36:47> 00:36:49:	have your opinion on it,
00:36:49> 00:36:51:	but you know, with all of these,
00:36:51> 00:36:56:	obviously the terrible things that happened in 2020 that
	precipitated
00:36:56> 00:37:01:	this work and the structural inequality is that underserved
	communities.
00:37:01> 00:37:04:	Have faced how do designers or locate them?
00:37:04> 00:37:07:	How do you as a designer locate yourself in the
00:37:07> 00:37:08:	conversation?
00:37:08> 00:37:12:	And how might this impact your work in the future?
00:37:12> 00:37:15:	I'll go first, so I'll say that I think it's
00:37:15> 00:37:18:	interesting I I'm actually looking forward to farzana's answer
00.27.40 > 00.27.40.	on this
00:37:19> 00:37:19:	this,
00:37:19> 00:37:22:	'cause I think she's been doing this a lot longer
00:37:22> 00:37:22: 00:37:22> 00:37:25:	than we have,
00:37:25> 00:37:28:	and I think for us you know it's one of
00:37:28> 00:37:28:	the first times we've actually engaged in this type of work.
00:37:28> 00:37:31:	And it's a really different set of skills and tools
00:37:31> 00:37:34:	that required a lot more around kind of communication and
00:37:34> 00:37:35:	trust building I think,
00:37:35> 00:37:38:	and I think that was something that we actually see
00:37:38> 00:37:39:	YOU.
00:37:39> 00:37:42:	Candidly. We kind of struggled with at the beginning,
00:37:42> 00:37:43:	I think coming into a.
00:37:43> 00:37:46:	Washington Heights is sort of outsiders that we didn't have
00:37:46> 00:37:50:	that sort of trust built up with the local neighborhood,
00:37:50> 00:37:52:	and I think that probably to do this kind of
00:37:52> 00:37:54:	work really successfully.
00:37:54> 00:37:57:	You kind of have to be embedded in a community
00:37:57> 00:37:57:	instead of,
00:37:57> 00:38:00:	you know, be there for the long term and really
00:38:00> 00:38:02:	start to build those relationships.
00:38:02> 00:38:04:	That will kind of work.
00:38:04> 00:38:06:	There's, you know, things have to happen.
00:38:08> 00:38:11:	No one had a lot faster and a lot more
00:38:11> 00:38:14:	kind of sort of DIY or very much more hands
00:38:14> 00:38:15:	on than probably.
00:38:15> 00:38:19:	Architects are typically used to working building it yourself,
00:38:19> 00:38:22:	sourcing things yourself. You know getting costing,
00:38:22> 00:38:26:	you know, costing yourself stuff that need a lot of
00:38:26> 00:38:29:	times we rely on on other parts of the design

00:38:29> 00:38:31:	team or construction team to do so.
00:38:31> 00:38:34:	I think in that sense you know we had to
00:38:34> 00:38:35:	kind of,
00:38:35> 00:38:38:	you know, we're still, I think trying to learn.
00:38:38> 00:38:40:	Some of the right ways to do these things and
00:38:40> 00:38:40:	I will,
00:38:40> 00:38:43:	you know, hopefully will continue as we continue to do
00:38:43> 00:38:44:	this type of work,
00:38:44> 00:38:47:	but I think that's that's the main thing is
00:38:47> 00:38:50:	it just takes different types of skills and different hats,
00:38:50> 00:38:52:	an kind of much more kind of time to kind
00:38:52> 00:38:53:	of build those relationships,
00:38:53> 00:38:56:	I think.
00:38:56> 00:38:58:	Yeah, I think David's got it right.
00:38:58> 00:39:03:	I mean, I think that the community engagement portion of
00:39:03> 00:39:08:	this is is was instrumental right to getting it right
00:39:08> 00:39:09:	in some fashion?
00:39:09> 00:39:12:	I think community engagement is a skill.
00:39:12> 00:39:16:	It's it's difficult. You have to.
00:39:16> 00:39:20:	You know, kind of communicate in a way that builds
00:39:20> 00:39:20:	trust.
00:39:20> 00:39:22:	As David was saying, forms.
00:39:22> 00:39:27:	Partnerships identifies people that are already working in the Community
00:39:28> 00:39:31:	and sort of piggybacking on their work right,
00:39:31> 00:39:35:	rather than trying to develop your own in some ways
00:39:35> 00:39:39:	and really starting to speak to the Community as true
00:39:39> 00:39:42:	partners and true collaborators in the work.
00:39:42> 00:39:46:	So all of the proposals that we came up with.
00:39:46> 00:39:50:	We're very much through brainstorming with the community,
00:39:50> 00:39:53:	and so I think that engagement at the start of
00:39:53> 00:39:54:	a project is important.
00:39:54> 00:39:57:	It's also important during the project,
00:39:57> 00:40:01:	a lot of our build activities were done in partnership
00:40:01> 00:40:02:	with community members,
00:40:02> 00:40:04:	and then after the project,
00:40:04> 00:40:09:	it's really important for us as designers and planners to
00:40:09> 00:40:12:	understand that transparency is paramount.
00:40:12> 00:40:17:	Great sort of understanding or communicating the effect or
••••••	the
00:40:17> 00:40:21:	impact of the work is clearly important to community that
00:40:21> 00:40:25:	oftentimes gets bombarded with a lot of engagement,
00:40:25> 00:40:28:	but not a lot of results right?

00:40:28 --> 00:40:31: And so there's a lot of engagement party in that 00:40:31 --> 00:40:32: respect, 00:40:32 --> 00:40:35: and it's important to follow through. 00:40:38 --> 00:40:41: I'm I am AM. 00:40:41 --> 00:40:46: I'm I'm not certain that my response really answered your 00:40:46 --> 00:40:46: question, 00:40:46 --> 00:40:50: and I guess it's been cause. 00:40:50 --> 00:40:56: I keep seeing this effort as a response to. 00:40:56 --> 00:40:59: An ongoing problem. 00:40:59 --> 00:41:05: We've done I, I think a magnificent job in addressing. 00:41:05 --> 00:41:09: The results of. 00:41:09 --> 00:41:14: Systematic problems that have existed and I don't know if 00:41:14 --> 00:41:15: it's possible, 00:41:15 --> 00:41:19: but what I'd like for these types of initiatives to 00:41:19 --> 00:41:23: look at is the causes the causes of these these 00:41:23 --> 00:41:24: problems. 00:41:24 --> 00:41:30: There the reasons why minority communities were more greatly impacted 00:41:30 --> 00:41:32: by the pandemic is. 00:41:32 --> 00:41:37: Be cause of lower medium incomes. 00:41:37 --> 00:41:43: Insufficient wages, jobs that aren't. 00:41:43 --> 00:41:47: Up providing upward mobility and these are things that that 00:41:47 --> 00:41:50: restoration has continually struggled with. 00:41:52 --> 00:41:55: So I I would like I would challenge us to 00:41:55 --> 00:41:57: think about what can be done. 00:42:00 --> 00:42:02: Ahead of time, what can be done? 00:42:02 --> 00:42:08: What measures can be taken in advance of these types 00:42:08 --> 00:42:08: of? 00:42:08 --> 00:42:12: Matter is these types of problems having to be resolved 00:42:12 --> 00:42:15: and I'm I'm not sure what the answer is. 00:42:15 --> 00:42:18: I'm not sure how, how we how we address these 00:42:18 --> 00:42:19: things, 00:42:19 --> 00:42:23: but. Uhm? I think we need to think about how 00:42:23 --> 00:42:28: we can pull together our resources to resolve the causes 00:42:28 --> 00:42:30: of these problems. 00:42:30 --> 00:42:33: Even more so than addressing the results, 00:42:33 --> 00:42:36: which I think. Has been done really, 00:42:36 --> 00:42:40: really well by our team. 00:42:40 --> 00:42:43: But the the the causes still remain. 00:42:43 --> 00:42:48: The problems still remain, and those are things that that 00:42:48 --> 00:42:51: I'd like us to take a look at how we 00:42:51 --> 00:42:52: can really resolve.

00.40.57 > 00.40.04.	Trums are 1 thinks the other a weally exceptions to sink
00:42:57> 00:43:01: 00:43:01> 00:43:04:	Turn us, I think that's a really excellent point, and I was struck by something that Dan had in
00:43:04> 00:43:06:	his presentation,
00:43:06> 00:43:10:	which was the organizational chart that really started with the
00:43:10> 00:43:15:	Community groups at the top and put the facilitators at
00:43:15> 00:43:15:	the bottom.
00:43:15> 00:43:19: 00:43:19> 00:43:22:	And Dan a question for you is how this process
	might be replicable and in the future,
00:43:22> 00:43:26:	how it might serve a better definition of resiliency,
00:43:26> 00:43:30:	or when there are. Major disruptions to the status quo
00:43:30> 00:43:34:	and in response to their nests question.
00:43:34> 00:43:38:	Do you imagine or how do you imagine the a
00:43:38> 00:43:44:	process that could help address the actual causes rather than
00:43:44> 00:43:46:	just the outcomes?
00:43:46> 00:43:48:	Yeah, in some ways the model is relatively simple.
00:43:48> 00:43:52:	It's looking at people like their nest and Restoration Corporation
00:43:52> 00:43:54:	saying these guys know what they're doing.
00:43:54> 00:43:57:	Let's support them in whatever way we need it whenever
00:43:57> 00:43:58:	they way they need,
00:43:58> 00:44:01:	and so that means assembling a team of sometimes.
00:44:01> 00:44:04:	Maybe it's engineers, planners, designers with whatever.
00:44:04> 00:44:06:	Whatever it is that they actually called for.
00:44:06> 00:44:08:	So I think the model is replicable,
00:44:08> 00:44:11:	right? There are institutions throughout our city bids,
00:44:11> 00:44:16:	community development, corporations, membership groups that have been calling for
00:44:16> 00:44:17:	these kinds of help.
00:44:17> 00:44:19:	Very long time, this is something that we heard in
00:44:19> 00:44:20:	the Northwest Bronx,
00:44:20> 00:44:22:	our community partners said, you know,
00:44:22> 00:44:24:	I have been calling for this forever and now it's
00:44:24> 00:44:26:	like drinking from a fire hose.
00:44:26> 00:44:27:	We have so much so many services.
00:44:27> 00:44:29:	So how do we make sure that it doesn't just
00:44:29> 00:44:30:	feel like a firehose?
00:44:30> 00:44:32:	How do we make sure that it's part of the
00:44:32> 00:44:35:	culture of planning and development in the city that important
00:44:35> 00:44:38:	Community players like dyrness actually get the services and the
00:44:38> 00:44:39:	support that they need?
00:44:44> 00:44:47:	Thanks thanks Dan. You know as a as a wrap
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00:44:47> 00:44:47:	up,
00:44:47> 00:44:50:	I think it's an interesting way to look at this.
00:44:50> 00:44:54:	You know everything that we've talked about I think has
00:44:54> 00:44:58:	gone so far beyond the traditional conversations around design.
00:44:58> 00:45:01:	It's talked about law, we've talked about finance,
00:45:01> 00:45:05:	public health, community, the importance of feeling safe and aligning
00:45:05> 00:45:09:	all of these services in service of community development.
00:45:09> 00:45:13:	And I think it's very important element Durness that you
00:45:13> 00:45:16:	added is that we also need to look very closely.
00:45:16> 00:45:20:	And address the causes, not just the outcomes and so
00:45:20> 00:45:23:	moving forward with this project you know,
00:45:23> 00:45:26:	Dan, you had said at the beginning this was a
00:45:26> 00:45:29:	6 initially conceived as six weeks print,
00:45:29> 00:45:32:	and now we're a year in and I just like
00:45:32> 00:45:34:	to ask the panelists.
00:45:34> 00:45:38:	In conclusion, what a successful outcome looks like to them
00:45:38> 00:45:40:	in this project.
00:45:40> 00:45:41:	And so I'll start Dan,
00:45:41> 00:45:44:	how about with you?
00:45:44> 00:45:46:	Yeah, one of the funny things about this project is
00:45:46> 00:45:49:	it was wonderful to build so much outs outside and
00:45:49> 00:45:50:	get to brag about the beautiful work.
00:45:50> 00:45:52:	But some of the things that I loved most where
00:45:52> 00:45:55:	some of those really hard and during challenges we have
00:45:55> 00:45:57:	a team that's trying to figure out how to deal
00:45:57> 00:45:59:	with an enduring rat in his station.
00:45:59> 00:46:01:	That's not. That's not something that you put in your
00:46:01> 00:46:02:	marketing materials,
00:46:02> 00:46:05:	but it's something that the community has wanted to deal
00:46:05> 00:46:06:	with for a very long time.
00:46:06> 00:46:09:	There's another group that's actually been collecting an inventory of
00:46:09> 00:46:11:	all of the vacant buildings in their neighborhood,
00:46:11> 00:46:13:	and now they can advocate around that.
00:46:13> 00:46:14:	They can say to the city.
00:46:14> 00:46:17:	Here's what we want to see different happening in our
00:46:17> 00:46:18:	neighborhood,
00:46:18> 00:46:20:	so it's the kind of less sexy projects for the
00:46:20> 00:46:22:	kinds of things that have been longstanding.
00:46:22> 00:46:25:	Those are the kinds of things that I consider to
00:46:25> 00:46:26:	be the great success of the project.

00:46:29 --> 00:46:31: Thank you, dear nest. 00:46:31 --> 00:46:34: I think we have to take what we've learned with 00:46:35 --> 00:46:38: regard to this pandemic and continue to apply it. 00:46:38 --> 00:46:41: I don't think things like this pandemic going to go 00:46:42 --> 00:46:42: away. 00:46:42 --> 00:46:46: I think we're going to have these types of challenges 00:46:46 --> 00:46:49: coming back to us time and time again and we 00:46:49 --> 00:46:52: have to think about how we set up our infrastructure 00:46:52 --> 00:46:56: for remote access. We have to think about just the 00:46:56 --> 00:46:59: way we maintain our facilities. 00:46:59 --> 00:47:01: We have to think about. 00:47:01 --> 00:47:05: The way we. 00:47:05 --> 00:47:06: I guess even just our our, 00:47:06 --> 00:47:11: our physical cleanliness and the other things that we've learned with regard to. 00:47:11 --> 00:47:12: 00:47:14 --> 00:47:18: Protecting ourselves against. 00:47:18 --> 00:47:22: These types of viruses and and and. 00:47:24 --> 00:47:28: Diseases that that we've had to deal with. 00:47:28 --> 00:47:34: So restoration is looking at rebuilding the entire block and 00:47:34 --> 00:47:39: what I've asked our development team to do is to 00:47:39 --> 00:47:42: think about how we need to rebuild. 00:47:42 --> 00:47:47: So that we are able to survive and continue to 00:47:47 --> 00:47:51: work in these types of environments, 00:47:51 --> 00:47:54: we also want to continue. Obviously our efforts to provide families in this Community 00:47:54 --> 00:48:02: with 00:48:02 --> 00:48:05: the ability to to save. 00:48:05 --> 00:48:07: So that they are able to. 00:48:10 --> 00:48:16: Just survive justifies it. We found that in many instances 00:48:16 --> 00:48:21: just having savings that you can rely on in in 00:48:21 --> 00:48:26: the event of an emergency or are critical and it 00:48:26 --> 00:48:31: is hard for us to understand the cause. 00:48:31 --> 00:48:35: I've never had to recently never had to. 00:48:38 --> 00:48:41: Suffer or or not be able to do something of 00:48:41 --> 00:48:45: consequence because I didn't have \$5 in my pocket. 00:48:45 --> 00:48:51: And this is the situation that many people in this 00:48:51 --> 00:48:54: community encounter so. 00:48:54 --> 00:48:57: I think that going forward a restoration needs to make 00:48:57 --> 00:49:01: sure that we're prepared for these types of situations in 00:49:01 --> 00:49:03: order to function properly, 00:49:03 --> 00:49:06: and we have to bring our programming to scale so

00:49:06> 00:49:09:	that we are able to assist more people in the
00:49:09> 00:49:12:	Community in ways that they desperately need.
00:49:12> 00:49:15:	And as I said, I don't think that these types
00:49:15> 00:49:17:	of situations are going to go away,
00:49:17> 00:49:21:	and I think now that we're better prepared to deal
00:49:21> 00:49:24:	with him and to continue with our efforts to support.
00:49:24> 00:49:27:	And rebuild the community.
00:49:31> 00:49:35:	Thank you for that Arizona.
00:49:35> 00:49:39:	Thanks Ernest for me success in this project is to
00:49:39> 00:49:44:	find solutions that aren't COVID Band-aids right that aren't just
00:49:44> 00:49:48:	trying to solve the problem at hand right now through
00:49:48> 00:49:50:	social distancing. So so on,
00:49:50> 00:49:54:	but rather get to the heart of the problem is
00:49:54> 00:49:56:	doing this was speaking,
00:49:56> 00:50:03:	you know, speaking about prior really developing partnerships and programs
00:50:03> 00:50:05:	and proposals that can.
00:50:05> 00:50:10:	You know, really create vibrant public spaces in the community,
00:50:10> 00:50:13:	creates local artists, murals you know,
00:50:13> 00:50:17:	memorials, ways to build, capacity for the community,
00:50:17> 00:50:22:	and build social resiliency so that you know the community
00:50:22> 00:50:26:	can really come together in a way unprecedented way.
00:50:26> 00:50:30:	For for perhaps the next disaster.
00:50:30> 00:50:32:	And so it's important, I think,
00:50:32> 00:50:35:	to plan and prepare and develop capacity.
00:50:37> 00:50:40:	Thank you for that and David.
00:50:40> 00:50:43:	Yeah, I think I just want to echo what you
00:50:43> 00:50:46:	know for as an Internet source saying I think you
00:50:46> 00:50:46:	know success.
00:50:46> 00:50:49:	For me, probably looks like just continued engagement and and
00:50:49> 00:50:52:	recognizing that you know there's always going to be more
00:50:52> 00:50:53:	work to do,
00:50:53> 00:50:55:	and you're never going to reach a point where you're
00:50:55> 00:50:56:	saying this is done.
00:50:56> 00:51:01:	You and I were talking earlier today about how.
00:51:01> 00:51:03:	We are a lot of people are talking about a
00:51:03> 00:51:05:	return to normal and how do we get back to
00:51:05> 00:51:06:	normal and pre COVID?
00:51:06> 00:51:08:	But what this is kind of exposed that there's a
00:51:08> 00:51:11:	lot of communities that probably that normal never really

existed.

00:51:11 --> 00:51:14: And Dan there's probably something they don't really want to 00:51:14 --> 00:51:15: go back to. 00:51:15 --> 00:51:17: They want to look forward and so how can this 00:51:17 --> 00:51:20: be kind of transformational in terms of community, 00:51:20 --> 00:51:23: building an and sort of relationship creation so that we 00:51:23 --> 00:51:25: can continue to kind of keep working on this on 00:51:25 --> 00:51:28: this project since it's going to be an ongoing effort 00:51:28 --> 00:51:28: for many years so. Thank you for that. And with that I'd like to 00:51:32 --> 00:51:35: 00:51:35 --> 00:51:39: thank Dan Farzona Dear Nest and David for their continued 00:51:39 --> 00:51:43: work and participation in the neighborhoods now projects and the Urban Land Institute for hosting this session. 00:51:43 --> 00:51:46:

00:51:46 --> 00:51:49: Thank you very much.

00:51:49 --> 00:51:51: Thank you. **00:51:51 --> 00:51:51:** Thank you.

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