



## New Year, New Music Scene

Post Genre, an Oakland-based live music production project, have partnered with Innovate Pgh to hold three concerts this winter in the long-vacant former church building on Atwood and Bates in Central Oakland. Post Genre and 8TRAK Entertainment successfully held the first of three concerts on February 3, and their second concert scheduled for February 17 has already sold out.

OPDC hosted a community meeting in August 2023 to discuss ways to host and uplift live music to benefit all Oakland residents. Representatives from the city's Nighttime Economy office and City Planning heard input from people eager for more diverse entertainment in Oakland, as well as from residents hoping to minimize disruptive behavior and noise in residential neighborhoods.

Taking neighborhood concerns into account, Post Genre have worked with public safety and university officials to minimize negative impacts, while still leaving plenty of room for fun. The 401 Atwood venue does not serve food or alcohol, which allows space for all ages to enjoy concert events.

Post Genre and Innovate Pgh hope these events kickstart the process of creating a permanent legal and professional venue to keep the local music scene thriving. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact OPDC at [questions@opdc.org](mailto:questions@opdc.org).

## Homes for sale in Oakland

OPDC has new and newly-renovated homes of all sizes for sale in Oakland! Buyers must income qualify below 80% of area median income (currently \$56,250 for a single household, or \$80,300 for a family of 4). All buyers will also qualify for OwnPGH and up to \$90,000 in buyer assistance.



All Oakland Community Land Trust homes must be owner-occupied and remain permanently affordable.

Contact Elly Fisher at 412.621.7863 x 221 or [efisher@opdc.org](mailto:efisher@opdc.org) to learn more and find out if you qualify.

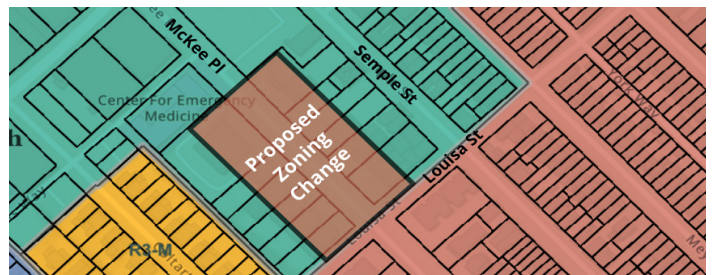
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## Proposed Zoning Change 234 – 262 McKee Place

City Council District 3 has introduced a proposal to change the zoning map for Central Oakland that would extend the Residential – Mixed Use (R-MU) zone boundary northwards on the west side of McKee, to include six parcels owned by Walnut Capital . These properties are currently within the Urban Center – Employment (UC-E) zone, which was designed to preserve space in Oakland for commercial (as opposed to residential) development. A change to R-MU zoning would make it possible to develop these parcels for primarily residential use. Any multi-unit residential development on these parcels would be bound by the Inclusionary Zoning rules that require projects producing 20 or more units to make a minimum of 10% of the new units affordable to low and moderate income families.

The Department of City Planning will be hosting a development activities meeting for this proposal on Monday, February 12 at 5:30 pm. You can join online or visit OPDC's offices at 294 Semple Street to participate in person. If you are not able to attend but have questions or comments to offer, please email your comments to [questions@opdc.org](mailto:questions@opdc.org), or call us at 412-621-7863 x217 to record them.



# Oakland Project Updates

## Anderson Playground

The dinosaurs are coming! Construction has begun on the all-new Anderson Playground in Schenley Park. The Department of Public Works expects the project to be complete by this summer. Visit [engage.pittsburghpa.gov/Anderson](http://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/Anderson) for site plans and project updates.



## Bates Widening

PennDOT is still in the preliminary design phase for a project to widen Bates Street. The project is expected to provide improved bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as smoother traffic flow in the block of Bates between the I-376 interchange and the Boulevard of the Allies. OPDC will publish updates as they become available.

OPDC strives to offer current information about Oakland planning, development, and infrastructure projects. Visit our website at [www.opdc.org/design-development-review](http://www.opdc.org/design-development-review) to see what's happening!

## Charles Anderson Bridge

The city closed the Anderson Bridge last year for safety concerns, and has accelerated the design process to move forward with reconstructive repair. The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure has issued an RFP with a February 29 deadline, and expects to have a contract in place by mid-May, with construction to begin shortly thereafter. DOMI will host a public meeting to provide schedule updates once the contract is finalized.

## Community Reinvestment Fund

The Oakland Plan recommended the creation of an equitable development performance point option that would allow new projects in Oakland to contribute to a fund that would support workforce development programs and equitable opportunities for local entrepreneurs. The Department of City Planning is working with local stakeholders to define the scope and structure of an Equitable Development Trust Fund to meet this goal. Rey Sosa, DCP's community planner for economic development, is organizing this effort. Let us know your thoughts at [questions@opdc.org](mailto:questions@opdc.org).



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[www.opdc.org](http://www.opdc.org)

### Events:

## Let's Talk: Air Quality

Wednesday, Feb 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.  
294 Semple and Zoom.

Join us for a community conversation about air quality and local pollution monitoring.

## Development Activities Meeting: McKee Pl Zoning Proposal

Monday, Feb 12, 5:30—6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

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