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Fabled roller rink could become music and events space

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A struggling north Sacramento neighborhood that for years has been on the brink of a resurgence could soon get a big boost.

A real estate investor and his partners have acquired a former roller-skating rink at 1031 Del Paso Blvd. with plans to turn it into an events space and music studio called The Rink.

Greg Kennedy said his proposal, recently submitted to the city, also calls for retail space in the building. Kennedy sees it as space for an instrument-repair or sales shop or other music business.

“It’s a fairly extensive tenant improvement project,” Kennedy said. The building, the former Senator Rollerdrome, has been vacant for about 10 years.

Under the proposal, much of the

11,250-square-foot former rink would be converted into space for live events or corporate events.

Another 400 square feet are designated for bar and food service uses by caterers.

In addition to the assembly and retail spaces, about 3,000 square feet of the building would become office spaces for music studios and similar artistic pursuits. Some of that space could also be general office, according to the application.

Kennedy said he’s been looking for a building to house this kind of concept for several years. He envisions a space for new musicians and groups to develop and hone their professional skills.



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Del Paso Boulevard — also known as Old North Sacramento or “uptown” — often is identified as a struggling or underused commercial corridor. But Kennedy said he believes the neighborhood has promise as downtown and midtown Sacramento become more expensive.

That’s why he thinks the time is right for The Rink. He’s already negotiating with an event planner with designs on the space, he added.

Depending how quickly the city processes improvements, the goal is to be operating this summer, Kennedy said.