

Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report prepared for City Administration from the Community & Economic Development Department.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

ACE

- Finishing up the Amphitheater Christmas Village stage entertainment -- through December 23.

Arts

- Arts Advisory Committee toured Union Station as part of their monthly meeting on Tuesday. They viewed all the museums and reservable spaces the Station has to offer.
- The Arts Grants 2024/25 cycle is currently open and will close January 12, 2024. Two grant workshops were held for the community on Monday, December 11.
- RFQ artist call for the Marshall White Center is open and will close January 31, 2024.
- The Community Art Show- Themed Tattoo Style art is up in Gallery at the Station until January 19, 2024.
- The Winter Solstice event to see the snowflake shadow to be held at the Water Cycle Sculpture in the High Adventure Park is at solar noon (12:24 pm) on December 21 (weather dependent). Cookies and hot cocoa will be served.
- Lorie Buckley and Sara Meess met with the Midvale City manager and supporting staff to tour the 9Rails Creative District on Thursday morning. Midvale is looking for help with the development of a creative district.

Union Station Museums & Operations

- Met with railroad experts to discuss future rolling stock displays at the Union Station.
- Hosted the Ogden Arts Committee for a tour of the Union Station.
- Assisting with development of historical displays for the Ogden Stockyards trail.
- Continuing to prep for Winterfest Ogden, a multicultural holiday festival that will host speakers and activities representing 6 winter holidays celebrated in Ogden. We are working with community partners to develop plans, activities, and speakers for each of them, including the Ogden Nature Center, Project Success, Weber State Diversity Office, Uintah Elementary, and more. The event will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on December 22.
- Hosted Management Services Holiday party.
- Hosted OPD's Holiday Party.
- Hosted three HAFB Holiday parties.
- Hosted the Weber FOP Holiday party.
- Hosted the MWC Christmas Dinner.
- Hosted six additional private parties/meetings.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Recruitment Manager hosted a site visit for Project Osprey, a VTOL aircraft company considering the Ogden Airport for a large-scale manufacturing facility.
- Met with Chris Parker of Giv Group, toured several Giv projects in Salt Lake City, and discussed innovative approaches to affordable housing development.
- Hosted a team from Midvale City to discuss using arts and culture for neighborhood revitalization and toured the Nine Rails Creative District.

- Met with an existing freezer storage business that is growing in Ogden.
- Completed the 2022 – 2023 Project Area Economic Summaries, the data of which is contributorily to the RDA's Annual Report.
- Met with the business loan committee to review two potential loan modifications.
- The Business Develop Deputy Manager and Recruitment Manager are in San Diego this week to network and participate in the Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium. An Ogden City exhibit will also be displayed and staffed.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 1127 23rd is complete and under contract to sell at the end of December. 833 Kershaw is complete and listed for sale. 949 24th, 2866 Quincy and 450 30th are currently under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - New home to be built at 2809 Jackson awarded to start construction, with permit under review. Architecture for Sycamore Cove development underway. Permit under review for first section of townhomes at Towns at 24th.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance:
 - 21 loans funded in FY24; 44 applications received; 5 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP):
 - 26 loans completed in FY24; 4 projects are underway; and no loans are being processed (budgeted FY24 funds allocated). Applications will be accepted again in Spring 2024.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants:
 - 13 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects. My Hometown Initiative projects are estimated to resume in May 2024.
- Tenant based rental assistance program now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing project underway at 31st & Lincoln Ave.



Planning

- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met this week.
 - The board approved a variance to permit development of an interior lot without frontage on a street at 218 Chester Street.
 - The board tabled a request to reduce minimum lot width for a three-lot subdivision at 566 Harrop Street.
- The Landmarks Commission met this week.
 - The commission approved a sign at 2501 Grant Ave, the former Greyhound building.
 - The commission denied a citizen request to create a new historic district on Adams Avenue between 24th and 27th Street.

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Successfully issued/sold the parking structure lease revenue bonds last week!