

Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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Report Purpose

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

Airport

- Working on the last requirement from our FAR 139 Safety Inspection. Several areas in the Runway / Taxiway Movement Areas need to be repainted, including the double edge lines on Taxiway Alpha, Taxiway Charlie, and Taxiway Delta. Some old lines that were removed by water blasting are still visible and need to be blasted a second time and the large "NO TAXI" painted island can be drastically reduced in size to allow better pushback operations at the Terminal Apron. This must all be completed before winter weather sets in, on or before October 31.
- Working with the Utah Division of Water Quality to consolidate multiple Stormwater Permits for the Airport and update the Airport's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The Arts Advisory Committee is to ratify the Mayor's Award Honorees at the monthly committee meeting this Tuesday (September 12). The annual awards ceremony is scheduled for November 2.
- The Corner Plaza renovation has transformed the Corner's small building into an art-scaped plaza that includes a large public art installation, permanent seating with vibrant lighting, and a pin-up wall to announce upcoming community events. Future programming and activities will include performances, guided tours and more.
 - Construction updates include:
 - The benches and a final pinup wall panel are delayed. Delivery will take place in October.
 - The Art Sculpture was installed by the artist on August 30.
- Ogden City Arts hosted The Corner Plaza Ribbon Cutting event on Sept. 1, featuring the unveiling of the new public art sculpture entitled "New Range" by New York-based multi-disciplinary studio Hou de Sousa. [Facebook Post](#)
- A new temporary exhibit – the Utah Chinese History Exhibit – is now on display in the Myra Powell gallery until Nov. 28.
- A new art exhibit – the Local Teacher Art Show, highlighting art from Ogden and Weber School District art teachers – is now on display in the Gallery at the Station until October 14.
- Started collecting oral history interviews for the Union Station Centennial Year. A total of 15 interviews will be completed with community members.
- Started a new photograph inventory project in the museum collections. The project will culminate in an accurate count of museum photograph holdings and updates to safe object storage.
- A new intern from Weber State University started at the station to assist in exhibition, curation, and outreach projects.
- Held mandatory pre-proposal meetings for bidders on the Merci Car Restoration project.
- A community film screening and discussion was held on Saturday (September 9) in collaboration with Congregation Brith Sholem on "Jews of the Wild West."
- We are hosting a Friends and Family Night event on September 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm in Gallery 51 at the Station to get feedback on our 100-year Centennial Exhibit that will be open to the public on November 23. Anyone from CED is invited to attend and provide input.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- We welcomed our new team member, Jeanette Castel, to the Business Information Center as our Loan/Office Assistant.
- Supported a site visit with a potential lender for the WonderBlock development and discussed Ogden economic conditions.

- Participated in the Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit as an event sponsor. Mayor Mike Caldwell kicked off the summit with remarks about the importance of outdoor recreation to Ogden's revitalization ([Facebook Post](#)), and we organized/hosted a panel discussion with leaders from local outdoor recreation companies/organizations, including Salomon, ENVE Composites, Hyperthreads, and the GOAL Foundation ([LinkedIn Post](#)). Our team also hosted an exhibit booth and engaged in discussions about Ogden with summit attendees and WSU students ([Facebook Post](#))!
- Attended the kickoff event for the second cohort of the Rosie Project, a training program for military spouses that prepares them for high-quality IT careers. [LinkedIn Post](#)
- Met with a key stakeholder to discuss how Ogden City can further strengthen Northern Utah's defense ecosystem.
- Preparing to attend the upcoming NAIOPOLY event to familiarize Utah's real estate community with development opportunities in downtown Ogden.
- Continued conversations with Project JAEI about expanding their operations at BDO and their utility requirements and the associated utility line upgrades.
- Finalized agenda for site selector visit to Ogden on September 20-22.
- Heard positive feedback from Project Flush about their recent site review visit. They are planning a second visit soon.
- Prepared for the Gibson Grove CRA Community Conversation to be held this Wednesday, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Union Station.

Building Services

- The Plan Review Staff is scheduled to take "Part-2" of the 2021 International Residential Building Code training class on Sept. 14. This will complete the two-part series and class work, is sponsored/presented by the American Woods Council, and requires a passed exam to receive the CEU certificate.
- Some construction activity is beginning to take shape at 2406 Washington for the Cache Valley Bank building rehab project. The development team is working with the design engineer to allow preliminary soil testing to be performed for the soon to be installed deep Micropile foundation system. This testing is needed to finish the foundation support design.
- For August – we had 91 new license applications, 14 closed, and 96 renewals.
- We will have a Building Inspector position opening this next week.
- We enjoyed participating in the My Hometown Day of Service on Saturday (Sept. 9).
- We would like to recognize Stephanie Grundie for the great job she has been doing during the hectic month of August. She has diligently mailed out many Notices of Violations related to this summer's many weed cases. Each notice requires property ownership and address verification to make sure the process is accurate. Thank You, Steph for being such a valuable part of our Code Team.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: Home at 665 Kershaw is complete and under contract for sale. Ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 1127 23rd and 949 24th. Finalizing bid for 2866 Quincy Avenue.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program: New home at 2831 Monroe has sold to an owner occupant. 2839 Monroe is complete and under contract, with closing scheduled for the end of September. Utility improvements are underway at the Sycamore Cove Infill Development (2335 Quincy). Grading/utility work is underway at the Towns at 24th St. project.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance: 7 loans funded in FY24. 20 applications received, and 8 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program: 7 loans completed in FY24. 18 projects underway, and 10 loans being reviewed/processed.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants: 1 grant completed. 9 applications approved for My Hometown Initiative projects.
- Public Improvements: The public improvement project for 2300 Quincy Ave. is ongoing. Continued progress on new sidewalk drive approaches and curb and gutter. Asphalt removal and prep now underway.

Planning

- Planning Manager Barton Brierley, spoke at the ULCT annual conference. He shared Ogden's experience and successes related to reducing parking requirements in downtown.
- The Planning Commission met to discuss/address several items:
 - Recommended approval of a partial vacation of 3rd Street between Porter Avenue and Jefferson Avenue. The proposal would realign the street.
 - Approved an 8-acre solar array at the Autoliv site on 3300 S.
 - Approved an upgrade to the Brenntag chemical storage facility on West Exchange Road.
 - Considered changes to the permitted and conditional uses in the C-2 zone to address high-impact uses such as car washes. The commission tabled the discussion until their October meeting.
- Staff met with representatives from Visit Ogden to discuss short-term rentals downtown.