

# 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 with five individuals or organizations that collectively are wanting to construct eleven new hangars at the airport.
- Preparing to evaluate the qualifications on general contractors that are desiring to bid on the terminal building expansion.
  - The evaluation will take place by committee this Wednesday, August 30.



### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Hosted three Twilight shows at the Amphitheater last week, and one more is scheduled for this Thursday (31<sup>st</sup>).
- “Connect” (free monthly pop-up art exhibit that invites all visual artists to showcase their art) will be at Union Station this Wednesday (August 30) from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Researching new locations for the Utility Box art project due to UDOT’s permission retraction.
  - New potential location at Monroe Boulevard. Artist call is temporarily on hold.
- Artist Call for Community Art Show will be released today (August 28).
  - Theme: tattoo styled artwork. The new show will open Friday, November 3.
- Mayor’s Awards in the Arts Ceremony is scheduled for November 2. Logistics and event planning are in progress.
- Amendments to the ordinances for public art/arts committee are being confirmed by legal for final transmittal package. Completion is expected in approximately one week.
- 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:
    - Pinup wall is now installed, except for one additional panel.
    - The area behind the Corner building has been cleaned up and the concrete pad and planter boarder were installed last week.
    - Chat and mulch areas will be cleaned and rebound in preparation for upcoming ribbon-cutting event (details next page).
    - Benches are delayed. Delivery will take place in October.
    - The Art Sculpture will be installed by the artist this Wednesday (August 30).



- Ogden City Arts will be hosting The Corner Plaza Ribbon Cutting event this Friday (September 1) at 6:30 pm – coinciding with the First Friday Art Stroll.
  - The opening event will unveil The Corner’s new public art sculpture entitled “New Range’ by New York-based multi- disciplinary studio Hou de Sousa.
  - The ribbon-cutting will be accompanied by music from DJ Bryson Dearden.

### Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Performing due diligence to evaluate the potential acquisition of the Forest Service Building.
- Participated in Wasatch Brownfields Coalition board meeting and evaluating City projects for potential RLF funding.
- Preparing bid docs for landscape improvements in the Nine Rails Creative District.
- Working on updates to our CRM platform to improve ability to track and report on our ongoing activities.
- Working to implement a new platform to accept and review business loan applications at the Business Information Center.
- Hosting a site visit this week for a company evaluating Ogden for their call center/customer service operations.
- Working with local business panelists to prepare for our panel at the upcoming Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit at Weber State University on September 7.
- Reviewed potential to update lease/ownership options of a key RDA property with administration.
- Posted social media posts regarding last week’s “You Make Ogden” Open House at Union Station. [Facebook Post](#)
  - One attendee commented online: *“Thanks so much for this opportunity. I learned so much, and really appreciated the time your economic development team spent answering my questions and detailing the decision-making processes and development vision.”*



### Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- As part of the ongoing initial work to gather public input regarding the Union Station Neighborhood, we are now working on the development of an interactive website designed to help the public understand the process of development – for our once-in-a-generation project to restore Union Station and redevelop the land directly north and south of the station into a vibrant neighborhood. More soon.
- Met again with our financial team regarding WonderBlock development activities.



- Facilitated another “You Make Ogden” public engagement open house again last week and were able to review Make Ogden and downtown development plans with citizens – some learning about the information for the first time.
- City Council will review in work session this week (for potential future adoption) the Union Station Campus Master Plan Development Framework, which will help guide development of the Union Station Campus.

