

# 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.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Hosting additional Twilight shows at the Amphitheater this week and next (Aug. 22, 23, 26 and 31).
- The Community Art Show “Artist Choice” is installed until the end of October.
- Researching new locations for the Utility Box art project due to UDOT permission retraction. Artist call is temporarily on hold.
- Mayor’s Awards in the Arts nominations are being reviewed by the Arts Advisory Committee. Ceremony to be held Nov. 2.
- Amendments to the ordinances for public art/arts committee are being confirmed by legal for final transmittal package.
- The Curbside Theater performance was held at the Dumke Arts Plaza on Aug. 11. Approx. 75 attendees enjoyed the show.
- Banner designs for the Nine Rails District are finalized for fabrication. Artwork from ODA’s banner art all was selected last week. Banners application is in process by Sara Meess.
- The Corner Plaza is now open with final construction updates continuing.
  - Pinup wall is installed, waiting on one additional panel.
  - Area behind Corner building was cleaned up and the concrete pad and planter boarder were installed last week.
  - Electrical work was also completed last week.
  - Benches have been delayed till October.
  - The Art Sculpture will be installed by the artist on August 30.
  - A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 1 at 6:30 pm, and live DJ music will follow the ceremony.
- Held the kick-off meeting with the Union Station Advisory Committee.
- Submitted Union Station Centennial Photo Essay to the Utah Historical Quarterly, the premier Utah History publication.
- Completed Merci Car Scope of Work. RFP should be rolling out next week.
- Coordinated resources with Visit Ogden to provide marketing materials and support.
- Coordinated visit of Spike 150’s 43-foot Golden Spike art piece at the Union Station during May 2024.
- The Museums hosted a free RAMP Summer Saturday (Aug. 19) family and community event, featuring the secret codes on the railroad and at war.
- Coordinating with the Diversity Coordinator and the Salvadorian consul to host/sponsor their upcoming event at the Station.

### Building Services

- Code Services
  - The demolition has started on the building that was known as the Sandtrap Lounge. This has been a great effort by our code services team, especially by Code Officer Kenny Atkin, Supervisor Adam Nelson, and Katie Ellis with our legal team. The building had been damaged by fire and declared a dangerous building.
  - As part of our team helping team goals, we were able to assist Community Development in cleaning out chairs, tables, tools, and a grundle of other debris from their shed and then returning later to put it all back together. Teamwork is a feat that is often forgotten, and we appreciated the invite from the Community Development Manager, Jeremy Smith. A big Thanks to Jeff Peters, Uppsen Downes, and Tyler Andrews for their positive influence and example to others.
  - Our code team assisted with setting up the recent CED social. We love our Ogden Team!
  - Our code team also participated in the Picnic with the Cops at Jefferson.
- Building Services
  - Our team participated in an online training with the International Code Council.
  - Our team completed or partially reviewed several plan reviews including the Marshall White Project, Union Walk Project, and Hunters Landing Project.

- Business Licensing
  - Our team is now completing our FEMA Certifications to be compliant with NIMS.

## Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Participated in the groundbreaking for Q25, a new affordable housing project in the Capitol Square area and promoted event via our social media channels. [Facebook Post](#)
- Began exploring redevelopment concepts for the 2300 block of Washington Blvd.
- Held a business retention and expansion meeting with ENVE Composites.
- Reviewed the Tax Increment Financing analysis and process with Williams International.
- Held interviews for the Business Information Center part-time Loan/Office Assistant position and extended an offer.
- Met with Amer Sports, Hyper Threads, and the GOAL Foundation to discuss our upcoming Outdoor Recreation Summit panel.
- Met with EDCUtah to review Project JAEI's EDTIF application and Ogden's Letter of Support.
- Met with several businesses at the Salomon Center regarding future business/improvement plans.
- Met with property owner located within Airport CRA regarding potential to expand facility and recruit new business tenants.
- Met with America First Credit Union to overview their SBA program.
- Completed amendments for six Technical Assistance (TA) agreements to enhance the business training experience.
- Completed four business loan modification agreements.
- Attended network event with the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- Developed and published a story on the economic impact of sports tourism in Ogden. [Website Article](#)
- Worked on and published a promotional video invite for this week's You Make Ogden Open house. [Facebook Video Post](#)



## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
  - Home at 665 Kershaw has been completed and is now listed for sale.
  - Ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 1127 23rd and 949 24th. Finalizing bid for 2866 Quincy Avenue.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program
  - New homes at 2831 and 2839 Monroe are complete and under contract. Closings are planned for the end of August.
  - Sycamore Cove Infill Development (2335 Quincy) – utility improvements are underway.
  - Towns at 24th Street grading work underway.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance
  - 6 loans have been funded in FY24. 14 applications have been received, and 5 are currently under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program
  - 7 HELP loans have been completed in FY24. 12 projects are currently underway, with 14 loans being reviewed/processed.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants
  - One VPP Grant has been completed. 9 applications approved for upcoming My Hometown Initiative projects.
- Public Improvements
  - 2300 Quincy Avenue public improvement project is ongoing. Continued progress on new sidewalk drive approaches and curb and gutter.

## Planning

- The Planning Commission met this week.
  - Our Development Code consultants presented an outline of the code update and asked for the Commission's comments.
  - The Commission also discussed short-term rentals in downtown.

## Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Last week the RDA Board adopted minor changes to its bylaws to reflect State law changes, adopted updates related to the acquisition and conveyance of Agency real property, and approved the FY24 budget amendment related to the Junction Parking structures, Trackline and the Capital Square project.
- Met with our finance team regarding the latest WonderBlock construction numbers and potential ways to save costs.
- This Wednesday (Aug. 23) is the next You Make Ogden public engagement event from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Union Station.