

# Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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**August 14, 2023**

## Report Purpose

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

### Airport

- With a collective effort between the airport's engineering firms, Mead & Hunt, and CMT Geo-Technical Engineering, we were able to take eight core samples from Taxiway Alpha with no interruption of air traffic. The core sample data is required to complete the Airport Pavement Management System (APMS) which will evaluate all of the airport's pavement and then prioritize the reconstruction / rehabilitation / rejuvenation of each section of pavement, both concrete and asphalt.
- The airport community is adjusting to the new sewer line construction project, which has required the closure of the north end of Airport Road near Borsight's Hangar – requiring tenants to enter the area from a different direction. Completion is scheduled for late August.
- The airport received a second wide-swath (18 foot) mower to aid in keeping the weeds and brush cut down on our 500 acres of airfield.
- We had a third visit this year from an Air Force C-17 Cargo Aircraft.



### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- An Artist Reception and Award Ceremony for the Community Art Show was held August 9 in the Union Station lobby. Eight artists were awarded an honorarium out of 36 submissions. The show will remain 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.
- Compiling the submitted community nominations for Mayor's Awards in the Arts.
- Amendments to the ordinances for public art/arts committee will be submitted to management for approval next week.
- The Curbside Theater performance was held at the DUMKE Arts Plaza on August 11.
- Banner designs for the Nine Rails District are being finalized for fabrication. Ogden Downtown Alliance has an artist call for artworks to be placed on the opposite side of each banner.
- The Corner Plaza is now open with final construction updates continuing.
  - Pinup wall is being installed now. Benches/light poles are being fabricated to be installed this week (Aug. 18).
  - 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.
- Hosted another Twilight show (Aug. 9) with a record setting crowd for "Bon Iver" and preparing for another today (Aug. 14) with "Beck", along with future shows on Aug. 22, 23, 26 and 31.



## **Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center**

- Met with Cache Valley Bank to review next steps for their building renovation project.
- Met with Thermo Fisher Scientific and the Utah Department of Workforce Services Rapid Response Team to develop plans for supporting employees impacted by recently announced layoffs.
- Met with Weber State University to discuss defense ecosystem initiatives and projects.
- Preparing for the Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit, including developing a sponsor ad and coordinating panel discussion.
- Attended Tinker and the Primes in Oklahoma, a premier event hosted at Tinker Air Force Base that brings together key leaders from the Air Force and leading industry partners and prime contractors.
  - At the event, staff met with leaders from Boeing, Northrop Grumman, and M1 Composites to discuss potential expansion opportunities in Ogden.
- Staff will present at next week's Council work session and focus on our Business Retention and Expansion activities.
- Prepared the Transmittals to the City Council and RDA Board requesting the dissolution of three RDA project areas. Also, prepared the Ordinance and Resolution dissolving the three project areas for Council and Board consideration.
- Verified Gibson CRA boundaries in preparation of Gibson CRA legal description.
- Presented recent Community Business Survey results to division staff. We plan to present the survey information at an upcoming Council work session.
- Prepared/posted social media item regarding staff visit with local business – Mackenzie Exhibit. [LinkedIn Post](#)
- Prepared/posted an Ogden Twilight/Ogden City Arts/Ogden City Amphitheater congrats message on our social media channels for a record-setting crowd at the “Bon Iver” performance. [Facebook Post](#)

## **Community Development**

- Renovation/Resale Program
  - Home at 665 Kershaw completed, listed for sale. Offer received and under review.
  - Ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 1127 23rd St. and 949 24th St.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program
  - New homes at 2831 and 2839 Monroe are complete and under contract. Closings planned for mid to end of August. Landscaping underway.
  - Sycamore Cove Infill Development (2335 Quincy) Utilities Improvements are underway.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance
  - 4 loans have been funded so far in FY24. 12 applications have been received, and 2 are currently under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program
  - 6 HELP loans have been completed in FY24. 10 projects are currently underway, with 12 loans being reviewed/processed.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants
  - One VPP Grant has been completed. 5 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**

- Staff met with representatives of Cache Valley Bank to help them with their submittal for the south annex building, next to the former First Security Bank tower.
- Staff attended ULI's housing summit. At the summit, Ogden was particularly called out for being a great partner with housing developers.

## **Redevelopment and Other CED Activities**

- The CED department had a great team building activity last week at Union Station.
- This week the RDA Board will consider adopting proposed minor changes to its bylaws to reflect State law changes, consider adopting updates related to the acquisition and conveyance of Agency real property, and consider the FY24 budget amendment related to the Junction Parking structures, Trackline and the Capital Square project.
- The next You Make Ogden open house/public engagement event is Aug. 23, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Union Station.