

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

Events and Operations

- Working with Sara Meess and Lorie Buckley on Dumke Arts Plaza Maintenance.
- Working with Weber State University on upcoming programming at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
- The Amphitheater is preparing to host three more events in July.
- Amphitheater staff is preparing for a very busy August, hosting six Twilight Concerts and a hand full of community events.
- Working with Pioneer Days Committee on risk items and parade logistics.
- The Corner is preparing to open in the next week or so. Currently finishing the final touches on construction items.

Arts

- The Community Art Show will be installed in the Union Station lobby for the August 4 opening.
- Working on artist call for new art wrapped utility boxes, which should be released by September.
- Actively collecting community nominations for Mayor's Awards in the Arts – due by August 11.
- Finishing up amendments to the ordinances for public art, Nine Rails District, and the arts committee.
- The UTA OGX Bus Rapid Transit line ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 2. Station artists will be recognized.
- Construction for The Corner Plaza updates continues to move forward.
 - Planting of perennials and grasses were completed by the Ace Team and community volunteers on July 15.
 - The Art Sculpture is being sandblasted, painting to begin next week, and is set to be installed late July or early August.
 - Pinup wall is currently being installed.

Museums

- Exhibit and event planning is making significant progress for Union Station Centennial Year activities. Union Station's 100th anniversary is November 22, 2024.
- Completed quarterly cleaning and maintenance for museum displays and artifacts.
- Museums hosted free Summer Saturdays RAMP Day activities for children and families this past Saturday.

Building Services

Business Licensing

- Interviews for the new Business License Enforcement Officer are on Tuesday.

Code Services

- Participating in the development of the Weber County Code Officer Association (WCCOA), which is a group of code officials in Weber County that are utilizing each other's strengths and organizational programs to assist in homelessness education and enforcement. This group will also be expanding to address other compliance issues.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Continuing to work with GSA on its disposal of the Forest Service Building and updating the RDA's proposal for reuse.
- Updating economic development plan for the Ogden Airport, with focus on aircraft manufacturing and maintenance on the airport's west side.
- Held monthly management group meeting for the Dumke Arts Plaza and working to resolve maintenance issues.
- Finalizing design of streetscape improvements for the 400 block of 25th Street.

- Participated in Acceler8 Wasatch meeting, with discussion of critical minerals development in Intermountain West and related benefits for economic development in Northern Utah.
- Attended ribbon cutting for Café la Vos on Friday (July 14). Café la Vos participated in our Technical Assistance (TA) program, started with a food truck, and is now opening a restaurant. Another TA participant, Noel Creative House, painted the murals on the new restaurant.
- Met with the Utah Division of Outdoor Rec and Utah Business Magazine to brainstorm our one-hour breakout session and booth materials for the Utah Outdoor Rec Summit that is being held at WSU September 6 and 7.
- Project “Ironclad” update: The company is moving forward with a lease at BDO and should have it executed in a few days. We will work with EDCUtah on issuing a press release. Project “Ironclad” is a small outdoor products company that produces tactical gear. They are relocating their HQ from Montana to Ogden.
- Working on coordinating an outreach/networking/educational trip to Dayton, OH related to our aerospace and defense initiatives. Dayton is home to the Air Force Research Laboratory and the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence.
- Looking into attending SAE Maintenance Symposium in December and hosting a booth. The Symposium is the only Department of Defense sanctioned event hosted by private industry. Ogden Economic Development would primarily be present to network and promote airport development opportunities.
- Met with Guru Technologies – a company that recently completed the Catalyst Accelerator Program – to discuss aerospace and defense recruitment opportunities.
- Met with Assetlyst – a local company interested in expanding its operations in Ogden.
- Published a web story ([Ogden City's Business Information Center Provides Loans to Local Small Businesses](#)) regarding our BIC’s accomplishment of providing nine loans to local small businesses and highlighting one – Fit Life Meal Prep.
- Cut and edited a video of [UTA's OGX Bus Test Run](#) through downtown Ogden for the MAKE Ogden social media page.
- Setting up a business expansion meeting with Rocky Mountain Power to confirm support/logistics feasibility.
- Met with our financial staff and outside counsel regarding the logistics related to potentially paying off the bonds associated with a key city property.
- An amendment to the Professional Services Agreement to develop our parking services RFP is routing for approval in Cobblestone.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
 - Home at 665 Kershaw completed and listed for sale.
 - Ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 1127 23rd and 949 24th Street.
 - The home at 919 Ruston is complete and under contract.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program
 - Final interior details being completed on new homes at 2831 and 2839 Monroe.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance
 - 1 loan has been funded so far in the first few weeks of FY24.
 - 11 applications received, and 3 are currently under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program
 - 12 projects underway, 8 loans being processed, and 2 new applications were received last week and are under review.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants
 - 1 application received for My Hometown Initiative projects so far in FY24, with 18 total grants funded in FY23.
- Public Improvements
 - 2300 Quincy Avenue project is underway, including sewer main line replacement nearing completion and sidewalk/curb underway.



Planning

- Development Code Interviews: Our consultant, Logan Simpson, will be conducting listening interviews August 1-4 to get the community’s feedback on priorities and issues to address in the upcoming code update.
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met this week. They approved a variance for lot width on an RDA property on 23rd Street. They also adopted new rules to address the handling of appeals.
- The City Council adopted a new zone, R-2S, that would allow small lot single-family and townhome development. They also rezoned the former Grandview Elementary site to this zone.