

# Community & Economic Development

## Brief for Administration



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**July 10, 2023**

### Report Purpose

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

#### Airport

- Continuing our efforts to hire two late night Airport Safety and Security Guards. Seems to be difficult due to late night shifts. We have gone through approximately 30 applications.
- In a cooperative effort between Granite Construction, Mesquite Electric and Ogden City's IT group, the new automated vehicle gate on the west side of the Airport (4000 South) has been successfully brought online. This project represents the first use of the 72 strands of new fiber optic cabling that now circumnavigates the entire airport property.
- Had another successful visit from a C-17 Cargo Aircraft. This one was from the Air National Guard based in Anchorage, Alaska. Borsight hosted the visit and was able to install one of their modifications to the C-17's navigational system.



#### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The July First Friday Arts Stroll was successfully held on Friday (July 7).
- The grant period for FY 2023 Arts Grants grantees closed June 30. Final reports being collected, processed, final payments disbursed.
- The grant period for FY 2024 Arts Grants grantees began July 1 and will close June 30, 2024. Grant contracts are actively being issued and initial grant payments disbursed.
- April Gruber participated in the Change Leader Institute presented by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums last week.
- The Community Art Show artist call has closed. This show will be installed for an August 4 opening.
- Actively collecting community nominations for Mayor's Awards in the Arts – due by Aug 11.
- Finishing up amendments to the public art, Nine Rails District, and arts committee ordinances.
- The UTA OGX Bus Rapid Transit line ribbon cutting ceremony is still scheduled for Aug. 2. Station artists will be recognized.
- Construction for The Corner Plaza updates continues to move forward.
  - Planting of perennials and grasses will be completed by the Ace Team and community volunteers on July 15.
  - The Art Sculpture is being welded and is set to be installed late July/early Aug. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow.
- Successfully hosted the second concert in the Ogden Twilight Series on June 30.
- The next Ogden Twilight Series concerts features "Bon Iver" on Aug. 3 (sold out).
- Created/submitted the final grant report to Weber County RAMP for FY23 \$30,000 for Museum Programming.
- Submitted final grant report to Weber County RAMP for FY23, \$85,000 for Arts and Events Programing.
- Submitted update/extension request grant report to Weber County RAMP for FY23, \$86,500 for BRT Public Art Project.
- Submitted interim grant report to Utah Division of Cultural and Community Engagement for FY23, \$150,000 for Legislative Pass-Through funding for Union Station utilities.
- Installed new exhibit at Union Station, Palette Club of Ogden's 81st Annual Show – on display now through August 26.
- Hosted Living Heritage free family museum activity at Union Station, introducing the holiday Eid al-Adha.
- Met with American Legion to thank them for their support of the Merci Car Project at Union Station.
- Secured a new event for Union Station – partnering with the Tim Tebow Foundation to host their annual Night to Shine Event.
  - This event takes place worldwide all on the same day and is a prom night for those with special needs ages 14 and older.
- Built a new 11' x 11' movable gift shop in the Union Station Lobby. New shop and merchandise coming this month.
- Hosted a successful community event at Union Station, Reborn Market, with over 2,000 people in attendance.
- Hosted five private events at Union Station.



## **Building Services**

- A Special Managers Mention for all our Building Services Employees that have been giving extra effort as we are short-staffed from vacated promotional and transferred positions. We couldn't do it without you all!
- Building Services
  - We have hired Alisa Roybal as a Counter Plan Review/Building Code Inspector on the 2nd Floor.
  - We have hired German Vergen as a Counter Plan Review/Building Code Inspector on the 2nd Floor.
  - We have hired Sean Lambert as a Field Plan Review/Building Code Inspector.
- Business Licensing
  - We have a job opening for our Business License Enforcement Officer.
- Code Services
  - We have hit an all-time high of 1,400 active cases.
  - We have been involved every week with the Farmers Market.
  - Three abatements were provided this last week, along with many towed vehicles.
  - As requested previously, we are asking for help in identifying our vacant buildings. If you see a board on a house or an unkept property, please call Adam at 629-8953.

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

- Met with a Utah-based aerospace and defense company that is evaluating a small building in Ogden for relocation/expansion.
- Working on real estate options for a clothing retailer. They are specifically wanting to be located in a power center.
- Project Shine update:
  - Company wants to purchase a 70K SF building for their new HQ (we are discussing potential options) and bring 200 jobs.
  - As TIF would not be available for one of the potential sites, we could offer our SED Loan if needed, which would require certain performance measures (jobs, ownership, etc.). The loan application has been provided.
  - In terms of a potential state incentive, the company would not likely qualify for EDTIF for their product category – but perhaps qualify for their HQ status.
- Connected with AssetLyst – an Ogden-based Real Estate IT company that is looking to expand.
- Confirmed two site selectors for the NUEA/Ogden Fam Tour in September.
- In preparation for the upcoming Outdoor Summit, we will have a prep meeting this week.
- Prepared an article about the success of our business loan program, featuring one of our loan recipients, for the August edition of Ogden City's "At Your Service" publication.
- Compiling the results of our recent community business survey and expect to provide a summary within the next few weeks.
- Setting up a business expansion meeting with Rocky Mountain Power to confirm support/logistics feasibility.
- Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement to develop our parking services RFP is routing for approval in Cobblestone.
- Supported the monthly You MAKE Ogden open house event at Union Station on June 28. Good turnout and positive discussions.
  - Also received feedback regarding the positive impacts related our Business Information Center (BIC) on local businesses.
- Meet with real estate company regarding potential options for an open commercial space in the 5-Points area.
- Participated as a panelist/judge for the Urban Accelerator Municipal Pitch Day in SLC, and promoted Ogden's positive advantages.
- All the end of year reporting projects (RDA Annual Report, etc.) are complete, and the airport CRA is back on track with county.
- BIC staff are working on gathering information for the year-end report that will be submitted as part of the larger Community Development report.
- We expect to have the Survey Monkey app., which will help with the business loan application process, online by mid-August.
- Continuing to close out loan files (6-7 projects in the last few weeks) and follow up with delinquent and defaulted borrowers.
- Business loan applicants from the last round have now been sent the loan committee review result letters, including any approval requirement parameters.
- One new business loan application has been received/started for a new potential business near the mall.

## **Community Development**

- Renovation/Resale Program – ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 665 Kershaw, 1127 23rd and 949 24th Street. Additionally, the home at 919 Ruston has now been listed for sale and is currently under contract.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program – Exterior painting complete at 2363 Jackson Avenue.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance – 42 loans funded FY23, and 8 new applications received for FY24 and are under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program – 13 projects underway, 34 loans funded FY23, and 2 new applications were received last week.
- Emergency Home Repair Loan Program – 7 total EHRP loans were funded in FY23.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants – 2 applications received for My Hometown Initiative projects, with 18 total grants funded in FY23.
- Public Improvements – 2300 Quincy project is underway, including sewer main line replacement nearing completion and sidewalk/curb and gutter beginning sone. Additionally, final work has been completed for the sidewalk and drive approach removal and replacements project for various East Central Neighborhood streets.