

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

- The Airport Community Reinvestment Area project plan and budget was approved by the Redevelopment Agency and City Council last week – which strengthens our new business attraction activities at and around the airport.
- The FAA is expected to conduct their annual safety inspection of the airport this week (June 12, 13, 14), including physical facilities, Fire responses, and paperwork documentation.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Arts
 - The Ogden Arts Festival was successfully held over the weekend at Union Station.
 - Public Art Projects were presented during the city council work session (May 30).
 - Now waiting for public session to be scheduled.
 - Arts Grants scheduled for City Council public session June 20.
 - Lorie Buckley will be presenting at the Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors meeting on June 22.
 - Working on amendments to the public art, Nine Rails District, and arts committee ordinances.
 - BRT OGX artwork panels continue to be installed at bus stops along the new line.
 - The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held with UTA at The Junction on Aug. 2.
 - Construction for The Corner Plaza continues to move forward.
 - Landscaping/irrigation in process. Metal edging installed, chat being installed, and irrigation will start next week.
 - Pinup wall is under fabrication and will be installed at the end of June.
 - Light poles and colored benches have been ordered. Light poles should arrive in approximately three weeks.
 - Art Sculpture is being welded and is set to be installed in August. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow.
- Events
 - Continuing to work with organizations and partners on upcoming events at Ogden Amphitheater.
 - Our team had a follow up meeting with Juneteenth organizers to make sure we have all the details needed to help support this upcoming event (June 17-18).
 - Ogden Arts and Events team supported the Arts Festival at Union Station by hosting an arts table over the weekend.
- Union Station's Museums & Operations
 - The recent Tattoo Convention attracted 10,200 people to Union Station and downtown!
 - Hosted the Ogden Arts Festival over the weekend.
 - Presented proposal for funding the Merci Car to City Council.
 - This \$100,000 budget transfer is proposed to complement the \$75,000 pledged by the Union Station Foundation.
 - This budget will allow us to professionally restore and build a protective covering for the car.
 - Implemented an oral history training and oral history project development for the Union Station Centennial project.
 - Met with potential partners in museum experience narratives.
 - Prepping for Union Station Neighborhood Community Event on June 15 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, in the Browning Theater.
 - Prepared for upcoming participation in Juneteenth Festival and Weber County RAMP Days (June 17).
 - Museums Free RAMP Summer Saturday is June 17 – free admission for all.
 - Celebrated our Event Technicians Birthday. Happy Birthday Breanne Hendricks!
 - The “Freight Stations” exhibit is now on display in the Utah State Railroad Museum.
 - The “Human Images” art show is now on display in the Myra Powell Gallery until Sep. 2.

Building Services

- Code Services
 - Our flood response responsibilities have concluded. CED Deputy Director (Jared Johnson), Building Services Manager (Chris Tremea), Code Services Supervisor (Adam Nelson), and Code Officer (Tyler Andrews) all spent the last six weeks, day and night, in the state of readiness to assist our community. Appreciation is also expressed to Public Services (Vince Ramos), who headed up the response teams, and the Fire Department, who was the first to respond to all flood calls.
- Business Licensing
 - Our Redevelopment Team will start to meet this week to focus on making our department more dynamic and efficient.
- Building Services
 - The updated webpage for our division will be going live mid-June. Great work to our teams that have made that happen.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- We publicly announced that Blue Diamond Industries will be opening a new manufacturing facility at the BDO with 92 employees and \$30M in capital investment!
 - The company manufactures HDPE conduit for fiber optic, data, and power.
 - This was a great team effort over several months by Ogden City, Boyer, EDC Utah, and Governor's Office of Econ. Opportunity!
- Project Ironclad is in lease negotiations for a site in Ogden.
 - The tactical gear company would relocate its U.S. headquarters and create about 30 jobs.
- A large-scale defense industry aircraft maintenance project considering the Ogden Airport has been paused for reasons unrelated to the site or community; the prospect shared that the airport remains very attractive for this type of maintenance work.
- Attended BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization) trade show in Boston last week and generated leads to support the recruitment of life sciences companies to Ogden.
- Receiving responses to the Community Business Survey sent out last week, being conducted in partnership between Ogden City and EDC Utah.
- Facilitated a business retention/expansion meeting with Cyberbacker, an Ogden-based company that provides administrative support and virtual assistant services around the world.
- Preparing three business loan modification requests for review by the loan committee.
- Continuing to close out loan files and follow up with delinquent and default borrowers.
- Supported the public hearing for the Airport CRA plan and budget, which was adopted by the RDA board last week (June 6).
- Supporting communications for the upcoming Union Station Neighborhood Community Conversation, scheduled for June 15.
- Meeting this week with a company near the Airport regarding expansion plans.
- Meeting this week with several businesses at The Junction regarding future business activities and facility options.
- Working on an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with parking consultant to develop our parking services RFP.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program – Ongoing construction at 833 Kershaw, 665 Kershaw, and 1127 23rd. Also, the home at 919 Ruston has now been completed and listed for sale.
- New Home / Infill Construction Program – Siding complete and prepping for paint at 2363 Jackson.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance – 42 loans funded FY23, and 2 new applications last week.
- Home Exterior Loan Program – 11 projects underway, 31 loans funded FY23, 2 new apps. last week.
- Emergency Repair Loan Program – 7 total EHRP loans have been funded in FY23.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants – 1 new application for grant was received in support of the My Hometown Initiative projects, with 13 total grants funded thus far in FY23.
- Public Improvements – 2300 Quincy public improvement project is underway.



Planning

- The Ogden Planning Commission met this week to consider several items. The commission:
 - Approved the Rail Yard Lofts apartments at 195 W. Rushton. Project includes 348 multiple-family units/three-lot subdivision.
 - Approved modifications to the Overlook at 16th Townhomes at Harrison Blvd. and 16th Street.
 - Recommended adoption of the Union Station Framework Plan.
 - Tabled consideration of an ordinance that would allow short-term rentals in downtown.
 - Recommended approval of amendments to the subdivision ordinance.

Other Development Activities

- The Union Station public engagement meeting is this Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm.