

# Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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## Report Purpose

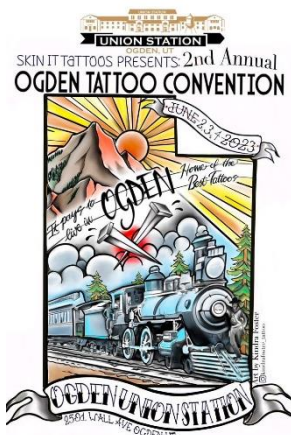
Weekly at-a-glance report from the Community & Economic Development Department (CED) prepared for City Administration.

### Airport

- Hallmark Movies is filming a short romantic comedy called *Romance Under a Northern Sky* at the OGD Airport this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It should be minimally invasive and will bring revenue into Ogden.
- The FAA will be conducting the OGD Airport's annual safety inspection on June 12, 13, and 14. This is a thorough inspection of our physical facilities, our Fire responses, and our paperwork documentation.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Arts
  - Working on amendments to the public art, Nine Rails District, and arts committee ordinances.
  - BRT OGX artwork panels are being installed at bus stops along the new line. The ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held with UTA is scheduled for early August.
  - Arts Grants and Public Art Projects were presented during the city council work-session last week (May 30). Now waiting for public session to be scheduled.
  - Construction for The Corner Plaza continues to move forward.
    - Landscaping/irrigation will start this week.
    - Pinup wall is under fabrication and will be installed in approximately two weeks.
    - Art Sculpture is being welded and is set to be installed in August. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow.
- Events
  - Staff partnered with ODA and assisted with the Historic 25th Street Car Show on Friday (June 2). Big turnout!!
  - The First Friday Art Stoll was on Friday (June 2).
  - OFOAM took place over the weekend (June 2-4) at Fort BDO.
  - The Ogden Amphitheater hosted the SJS Talent Show on Saturday (June 3).
  - Working with Enable for the Ned Ledoux Concert on June 16 at the Ogden Amphitheater.
  - Working with Juneteenth organization for upcoming event at the Ogden Amphitheater on June 17-18.
  - Working on some updates inside The Corner building while it is closed.



- Working on an extension for the Kane Security contract for the Twilight and Amphitheater events.
- Union Station's Museums & Operations
  - Opened new permanent exhibit, "Freight Stations," now on display in the Utah State Railroad Museum.
  - Installed and opened new art show, "Human Images," on display in the Myra Powell Gallery until Sep. 2.
  - Met with Heber Valley Railroad to coordinate potential partnerships.
  - Hosted the Connect Art Show – art winners on display in the Myra Powell Gallery.
  - Hosted/sponsored Ogden's Tattoo Convention – our three-day festival with over 100 artists providing tattoos and more than 20 vendors.
  - Participated in First Friday Art Stroll.
  - Hosted four private events.



## Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Met with LSI Consulting to discuss the Northern Utah defense ecosystem and related future opportunities.
- Exploring funding opportunities through the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Disaster Supplemental Program.
- Continuing our Business Information Center project review and close-out for year-end.
- Reviewing and updating process for default business loans, including collections.
- Met and followed up with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce leadership to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
- Reviewed a large (70,000 square foot) updated facility at 5-Points, and discussed potential tenant options with the property agents and the owner.
- Participating this week in the BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization) Convention, the largest gathering of pharma and life science leaders in the world, including confirmed meetings with several life science companies.
- Working on plans for an upcoming Ogden visit/tour with Fidelity Title management in response to their interest in our positive development activities.
- Distributed our annual Ogden business survey and started compiling results – to be completed by the end of June.
- Meeting this week to prepare for the next "You Make Ogden" and the "Union Station Neighborhood" public engagement events.
- Meeting this week to review collaboration opportunities with a newer Ogden-based company that provides business administrative and virtual assistant services around the world.



## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
  - Purchased home located at 2654 Brinker for renovation and resale (picture below)



- New Home / Infill Construction Program
  - Driveways and public sidewalks underway at 2839 and 2831 Monroe.
  - Exterior siding completed at 2363 Jackson Avenue.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance Program
  - 42 loans funded FY23 thus far. Two additional applications have been received this week.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
  - A total of 10 projects are currently underway, with 30 loans funded in FY23. 4 new applications have been received.
- Emergency Repair Loan Program
  - A new Emergency Home Repair was funded to assist a low-income family. 7 total EHRP loans have been funded in FY23.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants
  - 3 New Applications for VP grants were received in support of the My Hometown Initiative projects. 13 Total grants funded so far in FY23.

## Planning

- Development Code Update
  - Planning executed a contract with the firm Logan Simpson to update the zoning, subdivision, and sign ordinance. This major project will take place over the next two years.
- Fee Update
  - The planning fee schedule includes an automatic inflation adjustment. Planning fees will increase nine percent on July 1 to reflect this change.
- Wasatch Roasters
  - Planning staff met with the owner of Wasatch Roasters to try to resolve site plan issues on a proposed drive-through coffee shop at Washington Blvd. and Riverdale Road.

## Other Development Activities

- The Redevelopment Agency will be holding a public hearing this week (June 6) for the Airport Community Reinvestment Area (plan and budget), as well as the interlocal agreements to authorize the sharing of related tax increment with Weber County, Ogden School District, Central Sewer District and Ogden City.
- The City Council will then consider an interlocal agreement with the Redevelopment Agency authorizing the sharing of tax increment and the proposed ordinance to adopt the Airport Community Reinvestment Project Area Plan.