

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

- Arts
 - Lorie attended UTA's 2023 My BeUtahful Community Student Art Competition Celebration Event on May 25.
 - The winning artworks will be displayed in Ogden during July or August.
 - Working on amendments to the public art, Nine Rails District, and arts committee ordinances.
 - Arts Grants and Public Art Projects transmittal scheduled on city council work session agenda for May 30.
 - Construction for The Corner Plaza continues to move forward.
 - All flatwork was substantially completed last week, and landscaping will start this week.
 - Pinup wall is under fabrication and will be installed in approximately three weeks.
 - Art Sculpture is being welded and is set to be installed in August.
- Events
 - Preparing for June Events at Ogden Amphitheater.
 - ACE staff will be partnering with Ogden Downtown Alliance to help with the annual Car Show on June 2.
 - The Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music (OFOAM) festival will be held at Business Depot Ogden (600 N. Depot Dr.) on June 2-4.
 - ACE staff are preparing to have a table at the Ogden Arts Festival June 10-11.
 - 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.
- Union Station's Museums & Operations
 - Prepped for a new permanent exhibit, "Freight Stations," to be located in the Railroad Museum.
 - Prepped for summer programming, including Weber County RAMP Summer Saturdays, Juneteenth, and other summer events.
 - Hosted Ogden Schools Art Festival with musical performances given by 723 students and art displays provided by 100 students.
 - Hosted the "You MAKE Ogden" series #4 public open house event in the Browning Theater.
 - Hosted the Reborn Market – Vintage Clothing community event with 30-plus vendors.
 - Hosted a commercial shoot for "Light up your World."

Building Services

- Code Services
 - Started enforcement of watering violations between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
 - In less than one year of enforcement, we have now reached 75 Vacant Building Registrations – and we are continuing.
 - Our sandbag trailer/crews responded to Birch Creek breach deploying a pallet of sandbags, with Fire Department/Public Works.
 - We are close to completing our website updates.
- Building Services
 - We wish Justin Royer the best of luck in his return to the Water Department.
 - We completed interviews to fill a Counter position and a vacant Field Plan Review/Inspector position.
 - Our website updates will be completed shortly, so we can better serve our customers.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- It was an exciting week for the defense ecosystem in Northern Utah!
 - Our team attended UAMMI's Crosstalk event, which focused on defense opportunities for small businesses in advanced manufacturing.

- We also attended the Catalyst Accelerator Ogden Demo Day, which showcased seven companies that are developing Digital Model Certification (DMC) technology.
 - Generated three potential leads from the event, one of which could potentially bring 300-400 jobs to Ogden.
- Finally, we participated in a brainstorming session with other ecosystem partners to begin developing a proposal for EDA's Tech Hubs program.
 - The proposal will focus on accelerating the development of technologies at the intersection of software, cybersecurity, and advanced materials.
 - The proposal will also develop strategies to support technology development by strengthening innovation, entrepreneurship, workforce development, access to capital, and infrastructure.
- Our team led this month's "You MAKE Ogden" public engagement event at Union Station, which focused on the city's economic development efforts and how they relate to the MAKE Ogden downtown master plan.
 - We provided an overview of our economic development strategy and facilitated a panel discussion on the defense ecosystem featuring partners from UAMMI and WSU.
 - The [event presentation](#) and [video including the panel discussion](#) are now posted to www.makeogden.com.
- Continued company outreach in preparation for the upcoming BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization) Convention in June, and now have confirmed meetings with three life science companies during the event.
- Met with Ronda Landa from Fidelity Title's SLC office to begin planning a visit/tour of Ogden to educate the group on all the exciting things happening in Ogden.
- Attended a meet-and-greet lunch with Project Ironclad, EDCUtah, and NUEA. The company is an outdoor products company from Canada looking to relocate their HQ to Utah. They are considering a site at Business Depot Ogden and another site in Utah.
- Connected with Dirty Dough owner at their grand opening. He had positive things to say about his experience opening in Ogden.
- Met with members of ODA to discuss the impact of the Car Show and Farmers Market on local business, and also discussed focusing on ways to keep people staying longer at these events.
- Working on three business loan modifications.
- Distributing the annual Ogden business survey this week (in conjunction with UDCUtah).

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
 - Home located at 919 Rushton complete, and listed for sale (pics below):



- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - 42 loans funded FY23 thus far. One additional application has been received this week.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
 - A total of 14 loans are currently underway, with 26 loans closed in FY23.

Planning

- Planning and engineering staff met with developers of the River Parkway Project at 1800 Washington Blvd. to work out the final details for the legal descriptions of the River Drive partial vacation, dedication of surplus property, and rezoning with a development agreement. The project cannot move forward to city council until the UDOT owned parcels are acquired.
- Weber County is hosting the Utah chapter APA conference this fall and cities throughout the county have been asked to participate. Planning staff met with group this week and we will help with walking tours of Historic 25th St., arts district, and river parkway trail.
- The concept review team (CRT) had a full agenda with the following projects:
 - Discussed commercial expansion for a 5,000 square foot building to be developed at 251 W 17th St. The entire site will need to be brought into compliance with current parking, landscaping, and storm water management standards. The property owner will be reaching out to architects and civil engineers to develop plans for the project.
 - Met with potential buyer of 399 N Harrisville Rd. who would like to rezone property from R-2 (two-family residential) to R-3 (multiple-family residential) to allow development of an apartment building. Staff encouraged them to look at developing R-2S (two-family small residential) zoning that would allow more density than the R-2 zone, but still have owner occupation options. Buyer will be following the developing zoning code as it goes through planning commission/city council reviews.
 - Met with developer of 3293 Harrison Blvd. who is currently going through site plan review to add multiple-family residential units to existing office building on property. They have a potential commercial tenant that would like to occupy the existing office space on upper floor with some slight modifications. Building/fire department will allow a tenant improvement (TI) permit to be applied/obtained for upper level while lower level runs through site plan review/separate building permit process.