

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

- Currently in the process of hiring one full-time position and one part-time position.
 - The F-T position is for an Airport Maintenance Technician. By filling this position, the airport will have four maintenance employees for the first time in nearly 20 years.
 - The P-T position is for a night-time Airport Safety/Security Guard. Each night, one of our two P-T guards provides four hours of coverage – supporting tenants and transient pilots, night-time runway inspections, and look out for security related incidents during the late-night hours.
- The “Utah 99s” are a local chapter of a world-wide all female aviation organization. The organization name is based on there being 99 charter members when first formed in 1929. Amelia Earhart was their first elected President. On May 6 the Utah 99s are going to paint an 80-foot diameter compass rose at the Ogden Airport, which hasn’t had a compass rose since 2008. The project will be done as a partnership with the 99s providing equipment/labor, and the Airport paying for the paint. A compass rose is used by pilots to check the accuracy of their aircraft’s magnetic compass.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Construction for The Corner Plaza continues to move forward.
 - Southside of plaza concrete flatwork has been poured and scoring completed.
 - Rocky Mountain Power removed buried box that was found during excavation for Pin Up Wall.
 - Sculpture and pin up wall footings to be poured early this week.
- Hosted a tour of the Dumke Arts Plaza on Apr. 24 for the SLC Department of Public Lands.
- The Living Heritage Festival was held over the last few days (Apr. 28-29) at the Museums at Union Station.
- New public art projects transmittal to be submitted this week for City Council approval.
- “Black and White” Community Art Show will close May 6. The next show will open on Aug. 4.
- The first Ogden Twilight of the year is this week (May 6) – featuring M83.
- Processing Arts Committee re-appointments and will be electing new Chair/Vice Chair at the May 9 meeting.
- Training for the light system at the Dumke Arts Plaza is scheduled for May 9.
- The Arts Grants recommendations are on schedule to be reviewed in City Council work-session May 16.
- Working on amendments to the public art and arts committee ordinances (met with Lisa Stout, Katie Ellis, Mara Brown).

Building Services

- Building and Code Services have assisted our Ogden Teams by monitoring the rivers, bridges, and other city properties.
- Our teams have been working closely with our Police Department on keeping vacant properties clear during our non-operating hours of service and working with Special Events teams to make brief appearances and address any issues.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Meeting today (May 1) to consider TIF incentive options (in conjunction with EDCUtah) to support Project Stamper.
- Submitted real estate options and letters of support for two EDCUtah Requests-For-Information potential projects.
- Attended/supported Defense Entrepreneurs Forum meeting.
- Finalized agenda for upcoming Project Arkansas site visit on May 9. This will be the company’s third visit to Ogden.
- Meeting this week (May 5) with new business prospect, Project Compass.
- Supported and participated in the third *Make Ogden* public engagement open house event on Apr. 26 at Union Station.

- Updated the *Make Ogden* web page with public open house information and updated the FAQ sections for both the *Make Ogden* and *Future of Union Station* web pages.
- Facilitated a business retention meeting with Paul Wheelwright at Wheelwright Lumber on Apr. 25.
 - The company has a staff of 100 and is one of the top lumber/building supply companies in U.S. (#1 one last year for single-store sales and #89 overall).
 - The owner is very happy with the city's recent support regarding previous development concerns in the area.
- Communicated with a local company's development team regarding potential facility expansion near the airport.
- Set-up meeting to discuss how to enhance several key properties/businesses at The Junction on May 12.
- Preparing Airport CRA notices to Owners of Record and taxing entities for June 6 public hearing for the Plan and Budget.
- Preparing the annual TIF incentive payments.
- Preparing annual TIF Report for Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Meeting with Arts department about their art grant program application software, and the possibility of using the program to facilitate our business loan program applications.
- Continuing to evaluate reuse opportunities for the Forest Service Building and working with Catalyst Campus on expansion.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
 - Home completion/sale at 184 N. Jackson, and ongoing home renovations at 919 Rushton, 1127 23rd and 655 Kershaw.
 - Renovation started on home at 833 Kershaw, and acquisition of home for future renovation/resale at 2832 Eccles Ave.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - Two new loans approved/funded, including one police office and one schoolteacher (40 loans funded FY23 thus far).
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
 - One additional application received/approved. A total of 12 loans are currently underway (25 loans closed in FY23).
- Public Improvement Projects – Finalizing replacement of broken sidewalks on Madison Ave.



Planning

- *Make Ogden* Public Open House – Staff presented information related to zoning changes recently approved to support the master plan, addressed citizen questions, and discussed potential follow-up meetings with neighborhood groups.
- Harrison Blvd. Station Area Planning – Ogden Planning has partnered with WSU students to collect data for the station areas. Last week the students presented their findings, along with several thoughts on how to enhance these areas.
- Barton Brierley was elected chair of the Ogden-Layton Area Regional Growth Committee Technical Advisory Committee.
- The Board of Zoning Adjustments met and approved a variance related to parking setbacks and the conversion of an office building to a mixed-use building.
- The Landmarks Commission met to consider several items. They granted a certificate of historic appropriateness for a plaza addition to the Cache Valley Bank tower.

Redevelopment

- Held third "You Make Ogden" public engagement event Apr. 26 at Union Station, with focus on zoning updates supporting *Make Ogden* – presentation/panel discussion/audience questions (B. Brierley, J. Simpson, D. Burnham, D. Sawyer).
- In last week's Council work-session, updates regarding Marshall White Center pre-construction process and submitted cost bids were reviewed, along with cost estimates to repair parking structures at The Junction. A Bond Parameters Resolution for Marshall White and Junction parking structures will be considered at Council meeting this week (May 2).
- During council work-session this week (May 2), council will be provided an overview of proposed FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan, with outline of review process and timeline, including plans to review related CED projects May 16.

Other CED Activities

- Ongoing review/coordination of site access/utilization for riverbank repairs (flooding damage) at former Swift site.
- Reviewing options to support relocation of upcoming (June 2-4) annual Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music (OFOAM) event from Fort Buenaventura (due to flooding).
- Coordination and follow-up with engineering and project engineer regarding the new Gibson Bridge/street alignment.