

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

- Met with Allegiant Airlines at their headquarters last week, and the airline provided information related to their pilot shortage and perspective on returning to the Ogden market in the future.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Engaged in full planning process for the first Ogden Twilight on May 6 – hosting M83.
- The ACE team is now fully moved into its Union Station offices.
- Preparing for a number of community events to be hosted in the Ogden Amphitheater.
- Hired an Amphitheatre Maintenance Tech that started on Apr. 6.
- The Arts Grants transmittal is in process – waiting to be added to the City Council agenda.
- Working on amendments to the public art and arts committee ordinances.
- Four new public art projects have been approved by the arts committee and planning commission, and will be submitted to the Director to move along to the City Council within the month.
- Processing Arts Committee re-appointments and will be electing new Chair/Vice Chair at the May 9 meeting.
- SLC Department of Public Lands will be hosting a tour at the Dumke Arts Plaza on Apr. 24.
- Construction for The Corner Plaza
 - Light pole bases and bench walls poured.
 - Southside of plaza concrete flatwork starting last week.
 - Sculpture and pin up wall footings to be poured early this week.
- Training for the light system at the Dumke Arts Plaza was held Apr. 18.
- “The Art of Conversations” is on display at the Station from now through Apr. 29.
- The Living Heritage Festival is this week at the Museums at Union Station – Apr. 28-29.

Building Services

- Building Services
 - Our Building Inspector Field Team, comprised of Brandon Boydston, Diane Nelson, Randy Weston and Brandon Southwick, completed 121 Building Inspections last week. These inspections range from solar inspections to all framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, roofing, and permit closeouts for demos and remodeling. That was not even a busy week, so please, in passing, thank them for upholding the building code that keeps the buildings in our community safe.
 - Our Building Inspector Counter Team have a non-stop job of directing our customers toward planning, engineering, completing their over-the-counter plan reviews, and communicating with our field team to ensure that the inspections are completed and closed out with certified contractors. They are excellent at what they do, and we are proud of the teamwork and efficiency that they have developed to make our community proud. A big thanks to Cody Lyday, Russell Knight, Elaine Ehrenberg and Justin Royer.
- Code Services
 - A growing Code Team of six have been out in the community more, and the customer contacts are increasing. Being a Code Officer is doing the HARD stuff, often what no one else wants to do. And often, the rewarding duty of watching someone smile because their yard has never looked better. It's not easy and quite

often dangerous, so we appreciate the service they provide every day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and all Saturdays. The Code Team tries to educate property owners about code compliance and then enforce code compliance if that's the way it must happen. They have a passion for this community and excel at their work. Code Services is also on the Flood Response Team, available 24 hours daily. Thank to Adam Nelson, Tyler Andrews, Kenneth Atkin, Jeff Peters, Bethany Mack, and Uppsen Downes.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Recruitment Manager attended MRO Americas, major trade show for the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) sector of the aerospace industry.
- Met with Ogden City ACE and WSU to discuss operations and maintenance at Dumke Arts Plaza.
- Continuing to evaluate reuse opportunities for the Forest Service Building.
- Working with Catalyst Campus on expansion opportunities in Ogden.
- Updating process for tracking team metrics.
- Recapped the recent NAIOP Symposium, at which CED participated, in an article for our website and social media pages.
- Participated in the OGX update meeting with UTA.
- Distributed flyers last week to downtown businesses regarding the 25th Street project improvements scheduled for this week, and also communicated regarding Temple patrons parking in the Junction area to accommodate parking lot construction.
- Reviewed the downtown parking implementation project status with the *WonderBlock* policy committee.
- Met to discuss strategy regarding redevelopment needs/opportunities at The Junction and a potential new business.
- Based on public input, updating the Q&A sections of the web pages for *Make Ogden* and the *Future of Union Station*.
- Met again to determine plans for third *Make Ogden* Public Engagement Open House meeting, scheduled for this Wednesday (Apr. 26) at Union Station.

Community Development

- Infill
 - Completed framing of new home located at 2363 Jackson Ave.
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - Two new OIO loan applications were received and are under review.
 - A total of 38 OIO loans have been funded in FY23.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
 - One additional HELP application received and approved.
 - A total of 24 HELP loans have been closed to date in FY23.
- Public Improvement Project
 - Ongoing removal and replacement of broken sidewalks in East Central neighborhoods. 6,184 square feet completed last week, 13,184 square feet completed to date.



Planning

- Staff has received an application for a conditional use permit for a Quick Quack car wash at 1249 Country Hills Drive. The site is currently occupied by Jake's Over the Top restaurant. The Planning Commission will review the application at their May 3, 2023 meeting. The Property Rights Ombudsman advises, "Consideration should focus on facts and applicable standards, and avoid "public clamor," or emotional arguments for or against a permit. An application may be denied only if the reasonably anticipated detrimental impacts cannot be substantially mitigated by reasonable conditions."
- Planning staff met with representatives from Brith Sholem Synagogue to discuss their concerns with current and potential future surrounding development.

Redevelopment

- The third "You Make Ogden" public engagement event is this Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Union Station. This month's focus will be on the related zoning updates to help Make Ogden possible.