

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

- Airport Manager will be meeting with Allegiant Airlines at their corporate headquarters in Las Vegas on April 18-20 for their annual meeting with Allegiant airports.
 - The airline is expected to provide information on their efforts to resolve their pilot shortage, which was the primary reason that they previously vacated the OGD market.
- The airport drone mapping closure that was scheduled for last Sunday, was delayed due to heavy snow, and is now scheduled for Apr. 16 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.
 - During this time, both OGD Airport runways will be closed as will the aerodrome above the airport.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Construction for The Corner Plaza
 - Light pole bases and bench walls were formed for pouring on Friday, and will be stripped today (Monday).
 - Weather delays have impacted the project schedule.
- Five new public art projects were recently ranked by the Planning Commission.
 - Directors next in line to review projects prior to submission to City Council. Info packet to be delivered next week.
- The new art installation by Michael Whiting was installed Mar. 30 at the Dumke Art Plaza.
- Met with Sara Meese and Envirokleen to discuss de-winterizing and spring cleanup at the Dumke Art Plaza.
- Facilitated the Dumke Arts Plaza Event Kickoff held last Friday (Apr. 7).
- Attended an active shooter workshop for events, venues, and open space down at the SLC Emergency Management.
- OPD and our Events team met with ODA to discuss police coverage for upcoming event season, Farmer's Market, Car Show, Harvest Moon, etc.
- The Arts Grants Transmittal package is in process for delivery to council the week of Apr. 15.
- Black and White Community Art Show on display at Union Station until May.
- Working on an update to art stroll map, including the addition of a few new locations.
- Working on the Interlocal Agreement with Weber School District for the use of their buses for the Ogden Marathon.
- The Museums at Union Station's Living Heritage Festival is coming up on Apr. 28-29 from 12:00-8:00 pm.
 - This two-day celebration will promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the diverse cultural heritage of Northern Utah – and will include live music, dance, food, vendors, and art.

Building Services

- In addition to all ongoing activities in Building Services, Code Services, Business Licensing, our Team is standing by and ready to help with Union Station and other city facility flooding challenges.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Hosted visit with Belgian ambassador to showcase Ogden and our region's defense ecosystem.
- Attended the Utah Defense Manufacturing Community (UDMC) Research Symposium to learn about current opportunities for businesses and universities.
- Responded to inquiries from an existing business and a business prospect regarding commercial property downtown.

- Working with GSA to evaluate future plans for the Forest Service Building.
- Responded to real estate broker inquiry about potential available properties with rail access in Ogden.
- Preparing for a key/major business check-in visit on Apr. 13.
- Visiting businesses located in the 100-200 blocks of 25th Street this week to check on general business activities and provide a flyer regarding the street overlay project and closure information, scheduled for Apr. 18-21.
- Coordinating with Division of Outdoor Recreation on their annual summit that is being held at WSU in September.
- Proactively reaching out to MRO companies who are attending the MRO Americas event in two weeks to schedule meetings – with the objective of reviewing potential opportunities at the Ogden airport.
- Prepared notices, mailing lists and documents for the Airport Community Reinvestment Area public hearing for plan and budget consideration.
- After previous discussions, the Ogden City website language translation options have now been restored.
- Based on questions/feedback from the previous *Make Ogden* Public Engagement Open House (Mar. 22), which was based on the key Tenets of *Make Ogden*, we are working on updating the Question-and-Answer sections of the web pages for *Make Ogden*, Future of Union Station and *WonderBlock*.
- Met to determine plans for upcoming *Make Ogden* Public Engagement Open House meeting on Apr. 26.
- The former Ogden Downtown Alliance director, Kim Bowsher, will be recognized at this week's (Apr. 11) city council meeting for her contributions to the Ogden business community.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resell Program
 - Additional home was placed under contract for purchase and renovation. Five homes purchased so far in FY23.
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - Two new OIO loan applications were received and are under review.
 - One OIO loan was approved and funded. A total of 38 loans have been funded in FY23.
- Emergency Home Repair Program
 - One new application was received and approved. A total of four EHR loans have been funded to date in FY23.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
 - One additional HELP application received and approved. A total of 23 HELP loans have been closed to date in FY23.
- Presented information to City Council in work-session last regarding the Annual Action Plan for FY24.

Economic Development – Redevelopment

- *MAKE Ogden* Downtown Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments were presented again at last week's city council work-session and will be presented for consideration at this week's (Apr. 11) city council meeting.
- The Land Transfer and Development Agreement (LTDA) and reimbursement agreement with Henry Walker Construction, LLC (Developer) for the infill housing development located at 550 24th Street was considered and approved at the Special RDA meeting last week.
- The proposed Airport Community Reinvestment Area Plan and budget will be considered at this week's (Apr. 11) Redevelopment Agency meeting.
- The Developer Selection Policy will be considered at this week's (Apr. 11) Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Planning

- The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, April 6 to consider several important projects. The Commission
 - recommended approval of the *WonderBlock* site plan;
 - recommended approval of an encroachment permit for the Q25 apartment project in Capitol Square;
 - approved a parking management plan for the Stockyard Exchange building;
 - recommended denial of a zoning code amendment that would have allowed certain apartment buildings on the BRT route to be converted to vacation rentals;
 - recommended approval of a zone change at 236 Porter Avenue from R-1-5 to R-1-6; and
 - found the CIP was consistent with the general plan.
 - The commission also recommended the city's parking management plan area be extended (south to 28th and east to Adams), and that the city acquire more park land as the city grows.
- The Mayor approved the Q25 encroachment and the *WonderBlock* projects. He denied a request for a temporary exception to allow a gym to go into industrial space at 2679 Midland Drive.
- Planning staff presented changes to the R-3 height limits to the City Council. The council adopted the changes.