

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

- Working in conjunction with our Air Service Development Consultant, Mead & Hunt, to prepare an application for the Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) federal grant. The due date for applications is May 17.
 - This grant is intended to provide a financial backstop for one year of scheduled air service between OGD and a chosen destination.
 - The destinations are open because we currently do not have scheduled air service. However, OGD's strongest markets are Phoenix/Mesa (two airports), Las Vegas (one airport), and Los Angeles (five airports).
 - This grant is good for four full years from award.
- The airport is supporting a two-hour closure on Apr. 16 to allow for topographical mapping of the west side of the airport via drones. This is critical to providing the required data to our "as-built" record drawings and for the FAA to confirm the proposed apron project meets all of its requirements.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Construction for The Corner Plaza is underway, with the demo work completed last week. Footings will be poured as soon as weather permits this week. Underground utilities and forming of seat walls are also the focus for this week, and the Sledding sculpture to be moved to westside of Municipal Park.
- Five new public art projects are being ranked by the Arts Committee and Planning Commission. Once completed Directors will review before submission to City Council.
- The Arts Grants review process was completed Mar. 27. Transmittal package in the works.
- New art installation by Michael Whiting was installed Mar. 30 at the Dumke Art Plaza.
- Supported the U.S. Naturalization event at Union Station on Mar. 30.
- Hosted the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony Staff to a downtown tour of art murals and the Dumke Arts Plaza.
- Dumke Arts Plaza Season Kick-off event is booked for Apr. 7. Press release and invitations sent. Pray for good weather!
- Black and White Community Art Show on display at Union Station until May.
- All prepped for ACE office move to Union Station.
- Held meeting about the city services needed for the upcoming Ogden Marathon.
- Finalized the Ogden Twilight budget and contract.
- Hired a part-time Venue Maintenance Tech.
- The Museums at Union Station's Living Heritage Festival is coming up on Apr. 28-29 from 12:00-8:00 pm.
 - A two-day celebration as we promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the diverse cultural heritage of Northern Utah – with live music, dance, food, vendors, and art.

Building Services

- Code Services
 - Snow – Snow – Snow! It is unsafe for our crews to work on the side of the roads when the plows are present, so what do our Officers do? Well, they get caught up on closing out old cases, making calls for current issues, filing paperwork, and, more importantly, helping our Ogden Team out by pushing a snow shovel.

- Three of our new Officers attended a Post Earthquake Inspection Class that will assist them in making better Life and Fire Danger assessments after an earthquake.
- Dozens of hours have been spent reviewing the legislative bills and the coming adoption of the 2021 codes and working with and advising legal on updating City Code to change and be current with the Utah State adoption of the 2021 life and safety codes and International Property Maintenance Code that are all effective July 1, 2023.
- Our plan review team of two has been burning the candles to stay caught up on the community's new and existing projects. In the plan review process, we also have significant City projects, i.e., the Wonder Block 8-story parking garage and Marshall White Community Center. In addition, Phase 1 of the Q-25 block Moda Greenwell apartment building project at 872 25th St., plus 13 other new residential/commercial buildings are in review.
- Business Licensing
 - 22 new Business Licenses were issued this week!

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Hosted a site visit with Project Arkansas on Mar. 28. Staff reviewed/toured real estate options and spoke to Ogden's demographics and related opportunities. OTECH and UMA were present to discuss Utah's manufacturing industry and Utah's Custom Fit employee training program.
- Supported and participated in the Acceler8 Wasatch launch event at WSU on Mar. 30 (*staff picture below*).
- Planning for upcoming visit from Belgian ambassador.
- Met with area business about moving its HQ operations for multiple companies to Ogden. Considering site options.
- Met with NUEA to review upcoming events including an Ogden Fam tour slated for the end of September. Fam tour attendees will be various site selectors likely to bring future projects to the area.
- Reviewed Parking Implementation plans with Infrastructure sub-committee and provided input regarding EV charging station locations.
- Participated in the Chamber of Commerce executive board meeting.
- Met with our Diversity manager again to further discuss ideas for increasing community outreach in support of CED development projects and business development activities.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resell Program
 - Nearing construction completion on two renovated homes.
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - One new application was received and approved.
- Emergency Home Repair Program
 - One new application received.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP)
 - Two applications received and approved.

Economic Development – Redevelopment

- *MAKE Ogden* Downtown Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments were presented at last week's city council work-session, and the discussion will be continued at this week's (Apr. 4) council work-session.
- 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 will be considered at the Special RDA meeting this week (Apr. 4).

Planning

- Staff attended a WFRC workshop on new moderate income housing reporting requirements. The new requirements change the reporting date to August of each year. The reporting is intended to be staff level without requirement to bring to the legislative body for adoption.
- Staff met with developers intending to develop an apartment project at 195 Rushton Street. The meeting was intended to resolve several issues related to design, road alignment, and road vacation.
- Staff met with the Droubays to resolve issues with the proposed development north of the Ogden River on Washington Blvd.