

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

- New Terminal Project Update
 - The overall budget for project is still short at this point.
 - Planning to split into two projects – front of house and back of house.
 - In front, the foyer area will be reconfigured and locations of the two ADA restrooms will be switched.
 - In back, work will be done of the basement, old boiler, water heater, piping, gutting and making open space, and development of a future large meeting room. Phase two will be new offices.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Submitted EZ RAMP grant (\$2,000) to support a Union Station Centennial Exhibition for 2023-24.
- Completed a Draft Collections Management Policy for peer feedback and leadership review.
- Attended Museum Month Planning Committee kick-off meeting as representative for Weber/Davis/SL/Utah Counties.
- Demo/construction for The Corner updates started on Mar. 20. Working with Facilities to move sledding sculpture.
- Hosted a successful *You MAKE Ogden* Open House at Union Station Mar. 22.
- Hosted the Spring Beer Festival on Mar. 25.
- Construction/remodel is underway for the new ACE offices at Union Station.
- Arts Grants review process to be completed Mar. 27. Transmittal package in the works.
- New installation by Michael Whiting at Dumke Art Plaza will be installed week of Mar. 27-31.
- Hosting U.S. Naturalization Ceremony at Union Station on Mar. 30, with about 150 people slated to become citizens.
- Dumke Arts Plaza Season Kick-off event is booked for Apr. 7. Press release and invitations finalized.
- The Museums at Union Station's Living Heritage Festival is coming up on April 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
 - With our Union Station team, toured the Union Station facilities to help develop a plan to be a presence at the property and hopefully pro-actively deter any illegal activities there.
 - Have you met our Code Officer, Jeff Peters? Jeff has been with us for nearly two years and is a retired firefighter. He often goes above and beyond, helping the team and our citizens find creative ways to obtain code compliance. Jeff's designated area is everything west of Washington Boulevard from 20th to North Street.
- Building Services Team
 - Our field inspectors love the cold and mud, and trudge through it daily to ensure their packed schedules of new and existing inspections are completed. Their job responsibilities are changing daily, and the books of expectations are getting thicker every year. Just take a minute and look up ICCsafe.org and check out the expectations and certifications that our field and office inspectors must maintain. Each inspector has a full schedule at least a week out, and we appreciate all they do to keep our current and future citizens safe.

- Business Licensing Team
 - Spent hours reviewing the legislative changes for the food truck (Mobile Business) changes this year. We are grateful for our relationship with our Legal Team as they assist us in updating our ordinances.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Reviewed individual action plans to help finalize strategic plan for division.
- Attended the Intermountain Sustainability Summit at WSU.
- Met with DEF Ogden/Acceler8 Wasatch group to discuss upcoming defense industry events and initiatives.
- Working on Project Focus (a new lead from EDCUtah). The company is a call center operation looking for 4,000 square feet of turnkey office space. Submitted our Ogden package on Mar. 23.
- Working on Project GB. The company was previously looking at purchasing a facility on Harrison Boulevard, although it was determined that the site would not work for their operations. They are still interested in landing in Ogden or the surrounding area. Prefer to own their building.
- Working on Project Arkansas. We are preparing for their site visit on Mar. 28. They will be meeting with city staff, OTECH, and the Utah Manufacturers Association.
- Staff attended Ogden-Weber Chamber Annual Gala and networked with local businesses/organizations.
- Two of the BIC team members attended the IEDC Financial Analysis Course.
- Sent notice of approvals to three new business loan applicants.
- Airport Community Reinvestment Area Plan and Budget presented in Work Session to the RDA Board and City Council.
- Supported implementation of the “You Make Ogden” public event last week (Mar. 22).
- Developed additional details to support property appraisal for key Ogden businesses.
- Facilitated Parking Implementation Policy meeting with senior management and consultant last week (Mar. 20).
- Participated in the Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Committee.
- Reviewed streetscape plans for 25th Street between Washington and Adams with the Infrastructure Committee.
- Worked with UDCUtah on a business survey that will be distributed to Ogden businesses next month.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resell Program
 - Recently renovated home at 184 N. Harrison Boulevard is under contract and scheduled to close mid-April.
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - Two additional Own in Ogden applications were received and approved.

Economic Development – Redevelopment

- Held yet another *You MAKE Ogden* public engagement/presentation at Union Station last week (Mar. 22) that focused on the principles/tenets of MAKE Ogden and included a staff panel to address submitted questions.
 - Panel included: Brandon Cooper, Sara Meess, Damen Burnham and David Sawyer.
 - Recent efforts to reach additional community members appeared to have attracted new participants.
- Presented the Capitol Square project update to the city council work-session last week.
- Presented the Airport Community Reinvestment Area Plan and Budget to the RDA work-session last week.
- *MAKE Ogden* Downtown Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments are on this week’s city council work-session.

Planning

- Landmarks Commission
 - The commission met last Thursday to consider modifications to the Pioneer substation at 1210 12th Street. The commission approved the modifications.
 - The commission also planned its annual scavenger hunt and learning event for May 11 at the Eccles Art Center.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
 - The board met to consider an appeal to the approval of a conditional use permit to reuse a church at 3350 Harrison Boulevard as a professional office. The board denied the appeal, finding that the Planning Commission did not err in adding a condition that an existing access to 33rd Street be closed.
- Lester Park
 - Staff met with Weber County Health Department and other citizens to discuss plans for upgrades to Lester Park.
- Wall Avenue Lighting
 - Staff met with UDOT to discuss upgrades to the streetlights on Wall Avenue near Union Station.