

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

- Much of last week involved work on a federal grant request for \$7.5M for infrastructure on the airport's west side.
 - Project includes a 60,000 square yard large aircraft apron which would be constructed where the old, decommissioned Runway 7-25 was located.
 - This is the last piece of required infrastructure after spending over \$10 million on a new road, new taxiway, drainage and grading, water, sewer, power, natural gas, and telecommunications.
- After six months and a lot of work, the airport's new back-up generator is now connected to two of the four access controller vehicle gates.
 - Last summer, there were several power outages that essentially trapped airport customers with their vehicles inside the fence.
 - Whenever this happened, airport personnel would have to staff the gates to control access.
 - Now if power fails, the two gates closest to airport terminal building will continue to operate on back-up generator.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Led private tour for leaders of Browning Arms Company and leaders from Ars Mechanica Foundation (Herstal, Belgium).
- Arranged preservation for a section of the historic Bamberger Railroad in the Museum collections.
- Prepared 300-plus new records, data, and content for our collections-sharing app – Urban Archive.
- Working on a EZ Ramp Grant for Road Closure Signs for events at the Amphitheater and Dumke Art Plaza.
- Working on current ACE budget for rest-of-year costs and continued needs.
- Construction/remodel is underway for the new ACE offices at Union Station.
- Met with IT and Facilities about moving equipment to Union Station.
- “Connect Artist” event was held Mar. 15 at Union Station.
- Cleaning out the back storage at The Corner to get ready for construction at the site beginning on Mar. 20.
- Worked through issues with GOAL on Winter Race Series due to flooding of the race route. Race took place Mar. 20.
- Hosting U.S. Naturalization Ceremony at Union Station on Mar. 30. About 150 people are slated to become citizens.
- Dumke Arts Plaza Season Kick-off event is booked for Apr. 7.
- Working on Ogden Marathon planning details, including the busses, interlocal agreement and BBSI contract.

Building Services

- Code Services
 - Here, there, everywhere – we are all of them, and it is nonstop – but still willing to be there for you!
 - We need your help locating properties that need our attention; please call us at 801-629-8961.
 - We have been vigorously enforcing the removal of illegal signage from closed businesses along all major corridors.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- CED and Business Development teams attended the NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Symposium to network and promote Ogden, with a focus on communicating about MAKE Ogden and Union Station project opportunities.

- Prepared Community Project funding requests for Union Station/Crossroads of the West and Ogden Airport.
- Business Information Center Team presented four loan requests to the loan committee, of which three were approved and one was tabled for further review.
- Attended reception for ShotDot launch, in support of Kord and ShotDot – an existing Ogden business.
- Submitted information to support an EDCUtah led aerospace and defense project – Project Kilauea.
- Project Arkansas will be coming to visit Ogden for a second site visit on Mar. 28. Currently drafting visit agenda.
- Project No Cap has selected Ogden for their final selection pool. There is one other city still in the running.
- Attended UMA's Women in Manufacturing panel and networking event to hear from industry leaders on attracting and retaining women to the manufacturing workforce.
- Supported additional logistics planning for the next “You Make Ogden” public event this Wednesday – Mar. 22.
- Developed additional details to support property appraisal for key Ogden businesses.
- Planning for Parking Implementation Policy meeting with senior management and consultant on Mar. 20.
- Supported/attended the United Way annual meeting.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resell Program
 - The renovated and completed home located 184 N. Harrison Blvd has received a purchase offer and will be placed under contract.
- Infill Housing
 - Framing underway at new infill home located at 2363 Jackson Ave. 
 - On Mar. 14, the new infill development located at 550 24th St. was presented the during city council work-session.
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - Two new Own in Ogden applications received and approved.
- Emergency Home Repair – A homeowner was approved to receive emergency home repair assistance.
- Federal Grant Compliance – the CAC met and approved the annual action plan for FY'24.



Economic Development – Redevelopment

- NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Symposium – key takeaways:
 - Utah is poised to remain resilient in an uncertain economic climate.
 - There was a very positive response to the potential for the Union Station redevelopment to become a regional/state level transformative project (presentation team pictured above).
 - J. Fisher Companies was awarded “Developer of the Year” by the organization.
- The next MAKE Ogden public engagement/presentation focused on the principles/tenets of MAKE Ogden is this Wednesday, Mar. 22 at Union Station.
 - “MAKE Ogden: The past, present and future.”



Planning

- Lynn Community Plan: Held open house Mar. 16 to get input on ways to preserve the history of the Lynn Community as development happens. Approximately 30 members of the public attended.
- New Planning Division Mission Statement: Created a new mission statement for the division –
 - “Creating places people love by embracing the past, guiding the present, and envisioning the future.”
 - Also created a values statement: “Professionalism, Vision, Customer Service, Teamwork and Quality.”
- City Projects: We are processing several city-related projects, including WonderBlock, Q25, D-Avenue extension, Stockyard Exchange, and Marshall White Center.
- Short-term Rentals: Presented ideas for short-term rentals in the CBD to Planning Commission – preparing ordinance.
- Subdivision Code Amendments: Working on amendments to subdivision ordinance to comply with state law and to clarify and streamline process.
- Marilyn Drive Historic District: Our grant application to designate Marilyn Drive as a historic district was turned down.
 - We likely will put this project on the back burner until the next grant cycle.