

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 and Operation Supervisor attended the Utah Airport Operators Association (UAOA) Conference in St. George last week.
 - The conference allows for networking and learning “best practices” on various operational issues, such as emergency response, hazardous materials storage/spills, and design needs for potential use of electric aircraft.
- Met with SLC Airport personnel concerning the recently passed legislation on land use within 5,000 feet of any airport runway.
 - This will require the local jurisdictions around the Ogden Airport to coordinate an Airport Overlay District designed to protect the airport against incompatible land usages.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Worked with state representatives to prepare to host the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony at the Union Station on March 30. About 150 people are slated to be sworn in as U.S. citizens.
- Hosted successful Hostlers Model Railroad event with over 8,000 people attending.
- Hosted our first youth Trading Card Show with 100 children and their parents in attendance.
- Construction/remodel is underway for the new ACE offices at Union Station.
- Submitted Utah Division of Arts and Museums Grant for General Operating Support for the Museums (\$30,000 for two years).
- Set-up a new library area, as well as a new object handling area and an object treatment area.
- New construction for the Corner Plaza to begin on Mar. 20 – to run through the beginning of May.
 - Art sculpture “Ridges” is being fabricated at a foundry in Lehi for delivery in late August.
- “Connect Artist” event to be held Mar. 15 at Union Station.
- A \$94,000 grant application for General Support for ACE from Utah Arts and Museums was approved in Cobblestone and submitted.
- Dumke Arts Plaza Season Kick-off event is booked for Apr. 7.
 - WSU will be opening new Michael Whiting and Tyrone Davies installations, along with live music and dance performances.
 - Canceled drum circle due to possibility of inclement weather.
- The Arts Grant 2023/24 review process is in process with a deadline of March 15.
- City council staff selected local artist Lindsay Huss to paint the new Painted Horse project.
- Community Art Show “Black and White” has been installed and officially opened Mar. 10 in Union Station Lobby.
- Working on six new public art project proposals – Marshall White building, Lester Park, Kiesel Avenue, 550 24th Street, Utility Boxes, and Street Art Lollipops.
- Held the International Fly-Fishing Film Festival event at Union Station Mar. 10.
- Meeting with S&S to walk through amphitheater to get CAD drawings of stage and back area.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Attended Natural Products Expo West to recruit businesses in food manufacturing and life sciences industries.
- Supported site visit for Project Vaulted (lumber distribution company).
- Hosted breakfast for the Catalyst Accelerator program with eight tech companies participating.
- Reviewed plans for landscaping improvements in Nine Rails Creative District.
- Planning and communications for next “You Make Ogden” public event on Mar. 22
- Planning and prep for NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Symposium on Mar. 15.
- Submitted proposed FY24 budgets for Business Development and Business Information Center.
- Clarified processes and prepared for internal audit for business Technical Assistance program.
- Preparing three (possibly four) business loan applications for Loan Committee on Mar. 16.
- Continuing business loan collection efforts as needed.
- Working on loan modifications with borrowers that have agreements that have matured or will be in within six months.
- Continuing work on documenting/writing Business Information Center Standard Operating Procedures.
- Developing project management process for the Parking Internal Stakeholder Committee.

Community Development

- Quality Neighborhoods Initiative
 - Presented a program review at the city council work-session on Mar. 7.
 - Ogden provides 65% of Weber County’s affordable housing – far more than any other municipality (Roy is next highest with 6.5%).
- Infill Housing
 - OSD Surplus Properties – on Mar. 7, the city council approved acquisition of property at 605 N. Jackson under Ogden City Infill Program Guidelines, utilizing Quality Neighborhoods Initiative Funds for new residential development.
 - Negotiating construction start date for Sycamore Cove development with contractor (tentative start in May).
- Own in Ogden – Down-Payment Assistance Programs
 - State Legislature approved new bill for additional down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyers.
 - Three new Own in Ogden applications received and approved.

Economic Development – Redevelopment

- Union Station
 - On Mar. 7, the city council approved a resolution supporting the future enhancement and development of and dedication to the Union Station and surrounding properties, the museum artifacts and collections, including the historic railcars and locomotives.

Planning

- Short-term rentals downtown
 - Staff had a discussion with Visit Ogden management about allowing short-term rentals downtown.
 - Staff will draft a proposal to take to the Planning Commission.
- Downtown Code Amendments
 - Staff transmitted the downtown code amendments to the City Council.
 - This is a major project that will affect dozens of projects in hand now.