

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 has recently hosted a large amount of cargo activities, including older aircraft such as Boeing 727's and McDonnell-Douglas MD-80's. We have hosted over 20 flights since Dec. 1. The main customer involved is Autoliv.
- Airport also hosted (Feb. 17-19) the largest aircraft that has ever landed here. The C-17 from McGuire Air Force Base in NJ has a 174' wingspan and weighs over 680,000 lbs. fully loaded. Aircraft was on an operational training mission, but also brought over 40 service members and their families to Ogden to enjoy all that we offer for the weekend.



Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- "Connect Artist" event will be held Wednesday, Mar. 1 at Union Station.
- Working on \$87,000 grant application for General Support for ACE from Utah Arts and Museums.
- Ogden Archives mailbox, "Love Letters to Ogden," is open and accepting submissions at the Corner Plaza.
- Dumke Arts Plaza Season Kick-off event is booked for Apr. 7. Entertainment groups being contacted now.
- The Arts Grant 2023/24 Cycle closed Feb. 24. Review process will begin this week.
- Submissions due Feb. 28 for open artist call for City Council Painted Horse project.
- Community Art Show "Black and White" will open Mar. 10 in Union Station Lobby. Artist selections in process.
- New Dumke Arts Plaza art installation in works for March by Michael Whiting.
- Corner Plaza project – art sculpture is being fabricated; plaza improvements slated to start in April.
- Working on six new public art project proposals – Marshall White building, Lester Park, Kiesel Ave., 550 24th Street, Utility Boxes, and Street Art Lollipops.
- Hired a Special Events Office assistant, expected to start on Mar. 6.
- Met with Pioneer Days Foundation – reviewed July 24 parade logistics, including combining with Horse and Hitch parade.
- Working on Twilight logistics, preparing for the series that starts in May.
- Working with GOAL on Ogden Marathon logistics.
- Met with Visit Ogden to talk about a marketing strategy between the two organizations.

Building Services

- Business Licensing
 - New Building License Enforcement Officer is Alisa Roybal – starting Feb. 27 – has building construction background.
- Code Services
 - Excited to participate with a new clean-up contractor for the large encampments we come upon.
 - Help Needed! If you see things in community that may not fit into place, please call Adam Nelson (Code Services Supervisor) at 629-8953, so we can start working thru our processes to help property owners become compliant.
 - We have now reached 50 Vacant Building Registrations since June of 2022, which will continue to climb as we help property owners become compliant. Such can quickly become a nuisance and must therefore be monitored.

- Plan Review/Permitting/Inspections
 - We recognize our Building Services Supervisor, Cody Lyday, who is engaged in nearly every conversation with customers and is a significant member of our problem-solving team. His service has not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate his efforts in helping our team collaborate more effectively and with other departments.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Supported/participated in the Defense Entrepreneurs Forum (DEF) meeting at Union Station on Feb. 16, featuring Air Force and defense industry leaders.
- Supported the inaugural Catalyst Campus/Weber State University “Rosie Project” event Feb. 24, a new military spouse training/career development program. Mayor Caldwell spoke at event.
- Business Recruitment
 - Site visit/Ogden driving tour with Project Central-State. Company is a metal manufacturer who is evaluating Ogden for their western location. They need 100,000 SF and would be hiring 150-200 employees.
 - Continuing to work with Project GB on potentially purchasing a building on Harrison Blvd. The company is working on a floor plan of the building to show where their assembly and storage areas would be. There are no plans to make changes to the interior or exterior of the building. Deputy CED director is assisting recruitment manager.
 - Attended the Go Utah Incentives Committee meeting for Project Stamper. Committee was favorable to the project.
 - Attended the UADA hot topics event with Sen. Romney.
- Business Retention/Expansion/Development
 - Initiated Project Ladder with existing business considering new Ogden expansion – follow-up meeting set for Mar. 2.
 - Supported development of a new “Union Station Future” web page to provide messaging/documents related to the future plans. New navigation links on main website. Direct URL www.ogdencity.com/UnionStationsFuture.
 - Developed a “Future of Union Station” promo/leave-behind card, providing link to new web page.
 - Supported “You Make Ogden” open house event at Union Station on Feb. 22.
 - Supported Wayfinding CIP discussion.
 - Met with the Chamber regarding plans for an expanded business support and workforce conference in Oct.
 - Met with UTA representatives regarding BRT construction project and related business impact mitigation.
- Business Information Center (BIC)
 - Working on a second batch of loan applications with a deadline of Mar. 31.
 - Continuing to work on previous loan documentation requirements.

Community Development

- Infill Development
 - Significant progress on two new homes located at 28th and Monroe.



Economic Development – Redevelopment

- RDA Meeting – Feb. 21
 - Presented the Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report at the Feb. 21 RDA meeting, including positive results from previous projects. Approved.
 - Proposed Gibson Community Reinvestment Area at the Feb. 21 RDA meeting, including proposal to establish a survey area comprised of the land bounded by 12th St. to 21st St. and from Wall Ave. to 750 West. Approved.
 - Proposed development team for Union Station Campus and distributed related news release Feb. 22.
- Held first “You Make Ogden” public open house Feb. 22 at Union Station, which was well attended.

Planning

- Lynn Community Plan Update
 - Staff has reviewed an update to the Lynn Community Plan to respect the history of the area with the Planning Commission, Landmarks Commission, and Weber Heritage Foundation. Staff has scheduled an open house on the change for Mar. 16, 6:30 p.m., at Heritage Elementary School.
- R-3 Height Limits
 - Staff has initiated a change to R-3 zone standards to set a maximum height of four stories. The Planning Commission will consider this at their Mar. 1 meeting. Staff fielded e-mails from one concerned property owner on 29th and Buchanan. The proposed height limit matches the Mt. Ogden Community plan for this property.