

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

- On Jan. 25, we went to the Spanish Fork Airport to see how they are doing hangar development and to compare to how OGD is addressing its own future growth.
 - Our tour guide at Spanish Fork was Steve Wilson and the excursion coordinators were Al Jones and Will Page.
 - Council Member, Ken Richey, attended as well as staff members from the Ogden City Council and CED / Airport.
- Snow removal has been a huge concern this year as we have been dealing with exceptionally high amounts.
 - It's only January, but we have already gone through more urea/snow melt than we have in past three years.
 - This affects the budget for urea, overtime, and most recently, snow removal equipment repair/maintenance.
 - Hoping for more snow in the mountains and just rain in the valley!

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Arts
 - Two Arts Grant workshops were held online, Jan. 26.
 - The Arts Grant 2023/24 Cycle officially opened Jan. 27 and will close Feb. 24.
 - "Love Letter to Ogden" ribbon cutting event will be held on Feb. 3 during First Friday Art Stroll at the Corner with Ogden Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer.
 - Corner Plaza - working to finalize building schedule details with Hogan Construction and Artwork fabrication/delivery timeline.
 - Team members registered for the 2023 Cultural Industry Advocacy Day at the Utah State Capitol (Feb. 7).
 - Community Art Show "Portraits" is installed at Union Station until Feb. 3.
 - Arts Advisory Committee has recommended two new members to serve on Arts Committee.
 - Researching three/four new public art projects for approval.
 - Met with Ed Bridge and the Marshall White Committee on Thursday Jan 26 to discuss details of public art at the new Marshall White building.
 - New public art installation in works for Dumke Arts Plaza.
 - Current Chakaia Booker installation to be removed in March, and new installation by Matt Whiting installed before end of March.
 - Currently have open artist call for City Council Painted Horse project. Submissions due Feb. 28.
- Events/Operations
 - Derek and Gina represented ACE at a Job Fair at the Monarch, as we are working on networking and hiring for the 2023 event season.
 - Meeting and working on Twilight contracts.
 - Working with GOAL on Winter Race Circuit.
 - Training a New Corner Ambassador.
- Museum Programming and Narrative
 - Led tours for members of City Council and the Union Station Foundation to share our status and progress.
 - Coordinated with Syracuse City Museum to establish outgoing loan and working partnership.
 - New heavy-duty bronze plaque arrived to provide information about the Merci Car, and working with Facilities to get it placed.

- Union Station Operations
 - Reopened to the public after our annual cleaning and maintenance closure with admission to the museums increasing 531% from the same time last year.
 - Tattoo Convention was a successful community event with 8,500 attendees.
 - Hosted and toured City Council members around the museums.
 - Winter Market started Saturday (Jan. 28) and will be every Saturday until Feb. 25.

Building Services

- Business Licensing – Interviewed for the open Business License Enforcement Officer position on Jan. 27.
- Code Services – Interviewed for the open Code Services Officer position on Jan. 26.
- Building Services – A mandatory Fire Watch has now been implemented for 144 25th St.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Attended the 2023 AFWERX Innovation Industry Days in San Antonio to learn more about how small businesses can work with the U.S. Air Force.
- Began advertising the next Defense Entrepreneurs Forum – Ogden event (Feb. 16), which will feature DEF leadership and provide an overview of the National Security Innovation Ecosystem.
- Business Information Center (BIC)
 - Continuing with budgeting for FY24 – including review of matured and maturing business loans.
 - Reviewing old loans that need to complete documentation and those that already fulfill HUD requirements needed to close in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).
 - Considering extending the current loan application deadline to mid-February.
- Business Recruitment
 - Submitted business recruitment package for Project Lynch: potential sites include BDO and OBE.
 - Connected with President of Fred Meyer, about the previous Fred Meyer site.
 - Working on connecting us with the best POC on their real estate team to set up a meeting.
 - Received an RFI for Project Edmond: a solar manufacturing company needing 65k SF, and projecting 200-220 jobs.
 - Planning on submitting sites at BDO & OBE.
 - Project Roofer: looking at Ogden for ~2k SF of office space for 20-50 new jobs.
 - Participated in a EDCUtah site selector networking luncheon.
- Business Retention/Expansion
 - Met with owners of Fat Cats and Costa Vida regarding their leases at The Junction and potential purchase options.
 - Supported additional stakeholder engagement to support the WonderBlock and Parking projects, including a presentation at the Visit Ogden quarterly meeting for hospitality businesses.
 - Participated in the OGX/BRT meeting with businesses.
 - Participated in the Ogden Chamber Exec. Board meeting – discussed potential business engagement collaboration.
 - Met with the owner of a bookstore/distribution business regarding potential to expand to Ogden, and working on developing potential site options.

Community Development

- Housing:
 - New Construction – Ogden City broke ground on construction of a new single-family home located at 2363 Jackson Avenue. Home estimated to be completed and listed for sale in June 2023.



Planning

- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met last week to consider an appeal relating to restoration of three duplexes at 186 N. Harrison Blvd. The Board denied the request to allow restoration of the duplexes.
- The Landmarks Commission met to consider five items.
 - The commission continued three requests for certificates of historic appropriateness.
 - They also heard a presentation on the Lynn Community Plan update.