

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

- The Airport Advisory Committee met last week (Jan. 18).
 - Reviewed the two preferred locations for the new Air Traffic Control Tower and pros/cons of each.
 - Reviewed presentation by our Business Development Team regarding potential economic development opportunities at the airport.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Arts/Events/Operations
 - Completed testing of the 2023-2024 Arts Grants application portal.
 - Actively working with Legal regarding the intention to hold a “Love Letter to Ogden” ribbon cutting event on Feb. 3 with Ogden Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer.
 - Met with Corner Plaza working group to finalize building schedule.
 - Team members registered for the 2023 Cultural Industry Advocacy Day at the Utah State Capitol (Feb. 7).
 - Arts Grant workshop Jan. 26, with grants cycle to open Jan. 27 and close Feb. 24.
 - Community Art Show “Portraits” is installed at Union Station until Feb. 3.
 - Artist reception held Jan. 11, and winners announced on social media and with tags next to winning artwork.
 - Arts Advisory Committee has recommended two new members to serve on Arts Committee.
 - Mayor has approved and memo sent to recorder’s office. Now waiting on City Council.
 - Researching three/four new public art projects for approval.
 - Meeting with Ed Bridge to discuss potential public art at the new Marshall White building.
 - New public art installation in works for Dumke Arts Plaza.
 - Current installation to be removed in March, and new installation installed before end of March.
 - Currently have open artist call for City Council Painted Horse project. Submissions due Feb. 28.
 - Facilitated first performance of “Jazz at the Station” on Jan. 18 at Union Station.
 - Hosted Tattoo Convention Jan. 20-22 at Union Station.
- Museum Programming and Narrative
 - Reopened the museums to guests after two-week annual cleaning.
 - New art exhibit installed: “I Matter,” created by LGBT youth in N. Utah, on display at the Station until Feb. 25.
 - Hosted school tour for local 7th grade students on “Ogden: Crossroads of the West.”
 - Met with Urban Archive, a history-sharing app, for annual strategy meeting for sharing our collection photos.

Building Services

- Business Licensing
 - 31 applications received for the open Business License Enforcement Officer position.
 - Interviews scheduled for Jan. 27.
- Code Services
 - 42 applications received for the open Code Services Officer position.
 - Interviews scheduled for Jan. 26.

- Building Services
 - A mandatory Fire Watch has been ordered for 144 25th St., and the new location for vault was not approved.
 - Monitoring Legislative Bills for all departments.
 - Brandon Southwick is moving to Field Inspections as of Jan. 23.
 - Justin Royer is starting with CED on Jan. 23 in Permitting (transferred from Water Department).
- Plan Review
 - Cheryl Kay is now trained in multifamily apartment buildings and is also being assigned commercial apartment building plan reviews. She will now be assigned 50% commercial and 50% residential plan reviews.
 - Steve Patrick created an RFP services work order, will train in Cobblestone, coordinate RFP invoices moving forward.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Participated in ongoing development of Union Station campus plans, including discussions with prospective business tenant.
- Supported communications and stakeholder meetings related to Make Ogden projects, including WonderBlock, Parking and Union Station.
- Coordinated with Northern Utah defense ecosystem partners regarding upcoming events, including AFWERX Innovation Days (Jan. 24-26).
- Presented economic development opportunities at OGD to the Airport Advisory Committee (Jan. 18).
- Business Information Center (BIC)
 - Started budgeting for FY24, including review of matured and maturing business loans.
 - Met with prospective borrowers to assist with loan applications.
 - Continued follow-up with borrowers currently in default.
- Met with Ogden resident, Linsey Kunzler, regarding plans to start an LGTBQ inclusive business in Ogden.
 - Currently has an offer in on a building near 30th and Washington that could be developed into a studio space for local artists.
 - Staff connecting BIC to review business resources and recommending going through DRT as soon as possible.
- Working on a submission for EDCUtah for “Project Lynch” – a plastics manufacturing company evaluating Utah for a 100,000 square foot facility with an additional 4-5 acres for expansion.

Community Development

- Housing
 - New construction – During City Council work-session (Jan. 17), presented/discussed alternate plan for the Ogden School District surplus land, including the proposal to incorporate housing and expanding parks.

Economic Development – Redevelopment

- At Jan. 17 City Council meeting, a budget amendment to facilitate the land purchase down-payment and environmental work for Union Station property was presented/approved.
- At Jan. 17 RDA/City Council meetings, WonderBlock development related agreements were presented/approved, including:
 - Parking Agreement with the State to transfer District Court parking property to City in exchange for perpetual right to 100 parking spaces in one of the planned new parking structures.
 - The Land Transfer Agreement.
 - The Operation Agreement with the developer.

Planning

- Record Year
 - 2022 was one of busiest years on record for Ogden Planning Division.
 - Received 376 land use applications – which is highest since we began using Energov.
 - Issued permits for 825 new dwelling units – more than 2020/2021 combined.
 - Planning Commission considered 155 land use items – also a record.