

Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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Report Purpose

This brief at-a-glance report from the Community and Economic Development Department (CED) is prepared for Ogden City Administration and is also distributed within the Department to enhance overall communications.

Airport

- The Airport Advisory Committee Meeting has been shifted from Jan. 11 to Jan. 18.
 - Meeting will discuss two preferred locations for the new Air Traffic Control Tower and pros/cons of each.
- Asbestos and lead paint removal from the terminal building will take place in the next 30-45 days.
 - The removal is in the lobby and airline ticket counter areas.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Arts
 - Corner Plaza Project – routing contract in Cobblestone and building permit approval (Spring '23 start).
 - Arts Grants software implementation process is underway with Survey Monkey. Currently testing functionality.
 - Arts Grant cycle to open Jan. 27 and close Feb. 24.
 - Community Art Show "Portraits" is installed at Union Station until Feb. 3.
 - Arts Advisory Committee has recommended two new members to serve on the Arts Committee.
 - Waiting on Mayor/City Council approval.
 - Installation of BRT Station artwork is starting, with the first locations at WSU campus nearing completion.
 - Researching three to four new public art projects for approval.
- Events/Operations
 - Christmas Village
 - Featured on Forder's Travel for "10 U.S. Towns with Incredible Christmas Celebrations"
 - Featured on local news broadcasts, including KSL 5, ABC 4, and Fox 13.
 - Amphitheater stage hosted 24 performance dates, 36 performing groups, and 1,557 performers.
 - The Corner – for 2022, had \$15,900 in sales and just under 5,000 visitors.
 - ACE Staff Offices – working on moving to Union Station by the end of April.
 - Martin Luther King Day Events – supporting events at Marshall White and Ogden Amphitheater on Jan. 16.

Building Services

- Code Services
 - On Jan. 3, City Council voted in favor of the Shopping Cart Ordinance, and we are working on developing a plan of operation.
 - This tool has been needed a long time. Now will be able to work with businesses to secure their property and reduce the amount of material that ends up in rivers/trailways/sidewalks/roads.
 - Also purchasing a trailer to pick up and store the carts.
 - Adam Nelson started his duties as the Code Services Supervisor on Jan. 7.
 - Guillermo Garcia has decided to leave employment with the city to be able to work on a family-owned business. That empty Code Officer position is now open to the public and closes on the Jan. 18.
- Business Licensing
 - Last week there were over 150 Commercial Alcohol Licenses issued and over 550 Business License renewals.
 - The Business Licensing Enforcement Officer position has been opened to the public and will close on Jan. 20.

- Building Inspectors and Permitting
 - We conducted interviews for the Building Inspector position on Jan. 6.
 - Brandon Southwick is working with DOPL investigators to combat unlicensed contractors doing work in the city.
 - The Lotus Riverwalk Phase 2 building permit has been issued.
 - Recycled Earth demolition and building permits have been issued.
 - We issued 2,755 permits during 2022.
 - 144 25th Street – has been mandated to have a fire watch on the new building while under construction.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Progressing with several key business recruitment projects, including:
 - Project Spy – Recent video call to review plans to relocate manufacturing from CA to Ogden, and introduced CEO to BDO management to review site options. Company is restructuring and wants to start recruiting to fill positions in UT. Worked with EDCUtah to provide contacts with leading UT staffing firms. Working with BDO management to provide lease rate information. 18-month relocation timeline.
 - Project Gudetama – Working with EDCUtah to provide office options in Ogden to accommodate 50 jobs. Would like to make decision within 60 days to relocate, with space near a new distribution facility as well.
 - Project No Cap – Ogden is on company's short list and we are providing information regarding the BDO.
- Supported communications with the public and City Council related to key *Make Ogden* projects, including *WonderBlock*, managed parking, and Union Station.
- Reviewed progress on Nine Rails Creative District Master Plan relative to current stakeholder interests.
- Continued to develop a large expansion project with a key aerospace and defense stakeholder.
- Business Information Center activities included:
 - Presented two loan modification requests and one loan application to the Loan Committee.
 - Met with potential loan applicants to review eligibility and process.
 - Supported opening of new small business (Little Rainbow Candy Store – 3201 Washington Ave.)

Community Development

- Rehabilitation Program – Three homes recently purchased by Ogden City with renovation currently underway.
- Infill Development – Significant progress on two new homes located at 29th Street and Monroe Avenue.



Economic Development – Redevelopment

- On Dec. 20, presented part two of *WonderBlock* project, with focus on the Parking Management System to support *Make Ogden/WonderBlock* – including review of public feedback/responses and questions/answer segment.
- On Jan. 3, presented on *WonderBlock* development documents at the RDA work-session.
- At Jan. 10 work-session, we will be showing our Union Station “Roadmap”.
 - Will outline what the council and public can expect in the near-term and set expectations for the long-term.
- At Jan. 10 RDA/City Council/MBA public hearing meetings, presenting the *WonderBlock/Parking Management Plan* again for consideration and vote at upcoming meeting.
- CED/RDA will begin hosting monthly public engagement events.
 - This month's event will be on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Union Station in the Browning Theater.
 - Topic will be “Tenets of *Make Ogden*: Building a Vibrant Downtown”

Planning

- The Planning Commission met on Jan. 4 to consider 12 items. Items of note included:
 - Recommending approval of the 14-unit YCC apartment building at 460 23rd Street.
 - Recommending airport commercial zoning uses be modified to allow more manufacturing/warehouse/distribution.
 - This would allow greater development of private property on 4400 S adjacent to the airport.
 - Recommending elimination of requirements to place notices (zone changes, other land uses) in newspaper.
 - Follows changes in state requirements for notices to be put on state notice website instead.