

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. Additional detail regarding CED activities is available as requested.

Airport

- The FAA new air traffic control tower siting exercise (Virtual Reality Testing) is set for this Tuesday/Wednesday.
- The meeting with the FAA this past Wednesday went well. Status update for each funding source is below:
 - '23 FAA-AIP entitlement grant (\$1M)
 - Mostly a reimbursement grant for eligible completed projects and should be issued in July '23 for
 - Expansion of southeast run-up apron
 - Removal of old air traffic control tower
 - General Aviation east area design (approx. \$850K)
 - '22 and '23 Bipartisan Infrastructure Low (BIL) entitlement grant (\$2.1M)
 - First of five-year grant to be used for terminal building expansion – should be issued Apr. '23.
 - '23 FAA-AIP Discretionary Fund for large west-side cargo apron (\$7.9M)
 - Working closely with our lobbyist and Congressman Moore's staff to submit project.
 - Currently being designed by aviation engineer firm.
 - '23 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Funds for terminal remodel/expansion (\$6.9M)
 - Applied for this competitive grant in Sep. '22, expect to receive status notification in Feb. '23, and if approved, grant potentially issued by Jul. '23.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Union Station
 - Completing/wrapping up transfer of ownership of two locomotives from the Union Station Foundation to Ogden City.
- Art Grants
 - Working on finalizing new online application and review process.
 - Using Survey Monkey application, expect to have new software up and ready to open in the next grant cycle on or about Jan. 23, 2023.
- Christmas Village
 - Activities are ongoing through Dec. 30, and we're receiving positive recognition for this year's display.

Building Services

- Code Services
 - The Shopping Cart ordinance was presented to Council at the Work Meeting last week.
 - The MARM for the Massey Wall has been postponed to January as there is another project that needs to be coordinated with it.
 - The open Code Supervisor Position closes on Dec. 14. There are four applicants currently.
 - MARM results on the former Budget Inn.

- Business Licensing
 - Our extremely busy season is just kicking in and we are trying to stay healthy.
- Permits Counter
 - Our employees attended at least one day of trainings this last week for required certification hours.
 - We have implemented a ride along program with the Field Inspectors to gain experience for testing knowledge.
 - 1 employee 4 hours per day T-W-Th

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Had introduction meeting with Project Vision – considering Ogden for expansion.
 - Company currently based in California and is a dual SAAS and manufacturing company specializing in x-rays for packaged food products.
- Participated in Industry Day at Hill Air Force Base where various Air Force aircraft maintenance groups discussed supply chain issues and manufacturing needs – along with several local companies/small business resource staff in attendance.
- Developed communications to support CED public open house events for development projects.
- Additional funding for business loan programs was approved by City Council last week in conjunction with the Annual Action Plan FY23 Amendment #1.

Community Development

- Noteworthy Community Development updates include:
 - Infill Development
 - 550 24th Street Infill Development received approval from the Planning Commission.
 - Miscellaneous
 - Annual Action Plan FY23 Amendment #1 was presented and approved by the City Council.
 - Rehabilitation Program
 - Renovated home located at 815 22nd Street and sold to an owner/occupant.



Economic Development – Redevelopment

- Hosted another public open house event on Thursday (Dec. 8, '22) at Union Station about the proposed WonderBlock and Paid Parking Management Systems as part of the Make Ogden Downtown Master Plan.
 - Project plans were displayed, and staff answered questions and communicated with about 100 attendees.
 - Additional feedback was received and will be reported out in preparation for upcoming project meetings, including the public RDA/Council meetings on Dec. 13.
- Background and concept information for the Union Station redevelopment, along with the proposal to purchase the land from the railroad, was presented last week – and council agreed to move forward with the purchase.

Planning

- Last week the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the code amendments to implement the Make Ogden Plan.
 - The changes adopt new zoning for downtown and set standards encouraging new jobs, housing, and walkability.
 - Recommendation will be sent to the City Council for action.
- Last week the Planning Commission recommended approval of a moderate-income housing implementation plan.
 - The implementation plan is required to meet state requirements.
 - Staff has had preliminary discussions with state staff that indicated the plan would fulfill requirements.