

Community & Economic Development Brief for Administration



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Report Purpose

This brief report from Community and Economic Development Department (CED) is the first of expected regular at-a-glance reports prepared for Ogden City Administration. The report will also be distributed within the Department to enhance overall communications. Additional detail regarding any CED activities is available as requested.

Airport

- Dec. 7, Ogden Airport (OGD) has a planned visit/meeting with the FAA concerning the Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) details. These types of visits usually proceed the issuance of grants. OGD is seeking funding for:
 - '23 OGD FAA-AIP entitlement grant (\$1M)
 - '22 and '23 OGD Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) entitlement grant (\$2.1M)
 - '23 FAA-AIP Discretionary Fund for the Large West Side Cargo Apron (\$7.9M)
 - '23 OGD Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Funds for Terminal Remodel/Expansion (\$6.9M)
- Dec. 13, the FAA will utilize Virtual Reality 360 degrees software/hardware to finalize new location for the OGD FAA Air Traffic Control Tower. The testing will require two full days to set-up, test and obtain results.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Activities related to the annual Christmas Village will be the major focus for the next few weeks.
- The kick-off activities last week (parade, fireworks, etc.) went well.

Building Services

- Key projects in Building Services this week include Massey Wall negotiations; Child Nutrition Center boundary adjustment; Airport settlement discussions; and training/transition of Building Services to new manager.
- Mayors Administrative Review Meeting (MARM) for former Budget Inn is scheduled for Friday.
- Vacant Property Registrations are ongoing and have been successful in providing direction to non-active property owners to either redevelop, sale or demo.

Business Development & Business Information Center

- Business recruitment activities:
 - Last week Business Development partnered with EDCUtah to host a site visit for Project Stamper – an electric aircraft company evaluating Ogden for expansion for manufacturing.
 - The project would potentially employ about 1,200 people.
 - The Mayor and several community partners were in attendance.
 - Staff just returned from the Business Facilities LiveXchange event in Orlando where they met one-on-one with 12 site selectors from across the country.
 - The consensus from site selectors was that they needed to see Ogden for themselves. Therefore, staff will be coordinating with Northern Utah Economic Alliance to host a site selector event Ogden in 2023.
- Business Information Center (BIC) activities:
 - Loan applications have reopened, and we will be marketing the Business Recovery Fund program for businesses still dealing with COVID-19 impacts.
 - Staff are reviewing default loans and encouraging borrowers to cure their defaults; they are also processing several loan modification requests.
 - We continue to partner with Suazo Center to provide training and technical assistance to microenterprises.

Community Development

- Noteworthy Community Development updates include:
 - Infill Development – prepared/presented a proposal for acquiring/developing surplus Ogden School District properties during November 29 City Council work-session. Discussion to continue.
 - Rehabilitation Program – renovated home located at 2968 Porter and sold to an owner/occupant.

Before



After



Economic Development – Redevelopment

- Yet another public open house information event for *Make Ogden*, *WonderBlock* Development and Public Parking Management System is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8, 5:00-7:00 pm at Union Station.
 - This open house event will also be the first of monthly reoccurring public engagement meetings that will focus on *Make Ogden*.
- As follow-up with previous public meetings regarding the *WonderBlock* Development and Public Parking Management System, public feedback is being reviewed in order to fully address at upcoming public RDA/Council meetings on Dec. 13.
- Web pages with information/feedback links for key projects, including *Make Ogden*, *WonderBlock* and Parking have recently been set-up/published.
- Background and concept information for Union Station redevelopment was presented during a Council work-session on Nov. 29. Discussions to continue.

Planning

- Planning Commission to consider downtown code amendments:
 - Will consider zoning ordinance amendments to implement *Make Ogden* Downtown Plan at Dec. 7 meeting.
 - Land use permit for Seager Clinic has been issued. Expect they will speak in support of the plan.
- Planning Commission to consider moderate-income housing plan:
 - Will consider implementation plan at Dec. 7 meeting.
 - City received comments on last submittal indicating what the State identified as deficiencies.
 - Ogden was far from alone as 66 cities received such notices. The comments on Ogden's plan were not substantive – they simply reflected wording that needed to be changed.