

# 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.



## 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.