

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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## Report Purpose

Weekly at-a-glance report from the Ogden City Community & Economic Development Department prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders.

### Airport

- As part of our preparations for the new commercial flight service with Breeze Airlines beginning on February 21, we are working on several key activities, all of which are on budget and schedule.
  - One of the critical activities is the reworking of security protocols (Airport Security Program) in order for the airport to re-gain TSA certification.
  - Additionally, the terminal building updates that were already in process need to be completed and cleaned up.
  - Finally, the security equipment must be re-installed by trained technicians and calibrated before first use.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

#### Arts

- The Dumke Arts Plaza and Corner Plaza have won the Landscape/Urban Development Project of the Year from AGC. The awards breakfast will be on January 18 at the Little American Hotel in Salt Lake City.
- The Arts Grants 2024/25 cycle is currently open and will close January 12.
- RFQ artist call for the Marshall White Center is open and will close January 31.
- The Community Art Show, themed Tattoo Style Art, is in Gallery at the Station until Jan. 19.
- There was a great turn out for the Winter Solstice event held at the Water Cycle Sculpture (photo to right) in the High Adventure Park on December 21.
- The ACE Team spent the week cleaning and painting the Union Station Hallway on the north end of the building at the restaurant entrance.



#### Events & Operations

- The Corner saw a huge increase in traffic and sales during December in conjunction with the Christmas Village activities, and the month ended up being the best December on record since opening!
- A new Art Stroll stop was added for Dirt Couture, along with new Art Stroll maps for the new year.
- ACE helped in painting at Union Station during their annual shutdown for renovations and maintenance.
- Preparing for the upcoming MLK event being held at Union Station and the Ogden Amphitheater.

#### Union Station Museums & Operations

- Held the Winterfest Ogden multicultural holiday festival on Dec. 22 in conjunction with multiple community partners.

### Building Services

- Building Services
  - Our Building Services and Code Teams are assisting our airport crew in plowing the areas of the flight line and surrounding the airport. We are grateful for the opportunity to help.
  - The demolition of the incomplete wooden structure in the 100 block of 25th Street is well underway and will continue throughout the month of January.
    - Several of the adjacent businesses were visited along with our Business Development colleagues prior to the start of the demolition at the end of December to provide updates and answer questions.

- Code Services

- Our Code Team has officially launched their EVERY STREET, EVERY WEEK service program to help educate our citizens and business owners in a more proactive and cooperative way to maintain compliance with City Ordinances.



## Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Developed year-end report for Business Development and the Business Information Center, including our 2023 year-end accomplishments.
- Presented results of our Community Business Survey with EDC Utah at City Council Work Session.
- Met with Building Services and reviewed our Community Business Survey to consider potential actionable responses relative to business licensing and permitting.
- Continuing development of defense ecosystem assets with Weber State University.
- Discussed opportunities for collaboration with [47G](#) (formerly Utah Aerospace & Defense), 748th Supply Chain Management Group (SCMG), and [Ogden City Sustainability Committee](#).
- To support our continuing growth in aerospace, defense and advanced materials manufacturing, we participated and exhibited at the [SAE International Maintenance and Defense Symposium](#) in San Diego. We connected/collaborated with industry experts and highlighted Ogden's assets to support new business development – including the unique opportunity at our airport.
- Responded to an EDCUtah RFI for Project Warthog – a bicycle company looking for 50k SF of manufacturing space. The project would bring 140 jobs with an average wage of \$80k. BDO and OBE were both submitted as real estate options.
- Met with RBH Sound – a local audio equipment manufacturer looking at OBE for 15k SF. We discussed potential financing options and the State EDTIF program.
- Met with representatives from Riverdale regarding their development plans near the airport and to consider potential adjacent transportation impacts, and we reviewed current plans for our airport expansion. We will follow up with additional details from our team and our various city departments.
- Met to review the plans for the upcoming *You Make Ogden* public engagement events.
- Organized/distributed invites for [2024's first "You MAKE Ogden" meeting](#), slated for January 24 in Browning Theater.
- Helping to coordinate a ribbon cutting celebration for the Ya YA Foods expansion scheduled for January 31.
- Met with [Union Station Neighborhood](#) partners to discuss and plan the community conversation event set for Feb. 28.
- Completed the first draft of the Paid Parking Ordinance and reviewed with Management Services regarding input and next steps. We are now in the process of considering impacts on at least three existing city parking-related ordinances.
- The draft Paid Parking Management Request for Proposal should be complete by the end of this week, and follow-up/review meetings with internal stakeholders will then be scheduled.
- Met with several 25th Street businesses to communicate regarding the planned apartment building demolition.
- Met again with one of the primary tenants at The Junction regarding potential lease and facility updates and we are now awaiting their updated proposal.
- Met with a pizza restaurant owner about our loan program and possible expansion locations in downtown Ogden.
- The new Merc Boys location at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Grant Avenue is planning a soft opening within the next two weeks.
- The loan committee reviewed a loan modification proposal for a borrower in default and decided to send to collections.
- Continuing to monitor job creation and expense requirements for current loans.
- Meeting with a potential Korean Restaurant (fast-food concept) that wants to open in Ogden.
- A public Open House at our Business Information Center to promote business loans and other resources is planned for January 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All invited!



## Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Updated the [Community & Economic Development department webpage](#) to include all previous weekly CED activity reports to enhance overall communications.