

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.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

Arts

- The Arts Grants 2024/25 cycle closed on January 12; thirty-one grant applications were received. Panelists will review and score applications in the coming weeks.
- Request For Qualifications artist call for the Marshall White Center is currently open and will close January 31. A review of all submissions will begin in February.
- The ACE team will participate in Cultural Industry Advocacy Day at the Utah State Capitol on February 2.

Union Station Museums & Operations

- Hosted the City Council banquet dinner with guests from our sister city in Hof, Germany.
- Provided tour to guests from our sister city in Hof, Germany.
- Prepped for Ogden's Winter Tattoo Convention.
- Completed cleaning and maintenance during our annual shut down. Scrubbed and resealed Breezeway floors, scrubbed, stripped, and waxed restaurant entrance and hallway floor, cosmetic repairs throughout building, painted Gallery at the Station, snow removal, and cleaning.
- Met with leaders of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone to coordinate historical initiatives.
- Opened new exhibit, "Navajo Children Weaving the Future," in the Myra Powell Gallery. This youth-created exhibit is on loan from Utah Arts and Museums through March.
- Met with representatives from Union Pacific Railroad to discuss the Union Station Centennial.

Building Service

- Business Licensing – We were able to support our Business Information Center team with their open house last week.
- Building Services – We spent two separate days assisting with the Airport Plowing. The apartment structure previously at 144 25th Street is now completely down, and the concrete foundation is being removed. We have made three critical upgrades to our online system to help our citizens when they are applying for permits.
- Code Services – We have started to enforce all sidewalk violations where businesses have not cleared snow. We have started assisting the Street and PD crews by placing warnings on all snowbound or illegally parked vehicles on the roadways. Last week our team pushed snow with our Airport team twice.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Participated in the annual city budget retreat to share information about division goals, accomplishments, budget requests, and to discuss the managed parking project.
- Updating information on potential Ogden sites for the secure building project.
- Preparing for the Central Weber Sewer Improvement District meeting this week regarding the Ya YA Foods expansion project.
- Met with developer, Black Pine, to discuss Ogden Business Exchange projects and other development opportunities.
- Participated in the 47G manufacturing committee meeting.
- Met with our parking consultant to review the first draft of the paid parking management Request for Proposals (RFP). Additional review and follow-up meeting this week, and then reviews with internal stakeholders will follow.
- Reviewing comments from legal on the paid parking ordinance draft.
- Met with a few businesses interested in our business loan program.
- Business Information Center staff attended Wildcat Microloan Pitch Event, to support local entrepreneurs and promote our open house event.



- Met with Planning to review a potential business property use and provided a positive summary to property owner.
- Met with local business owners and partners at the first [Business Information Center Open House](#) on Jan 17 (photo to right).
- Completed HUD requirements for a couple technical assistance and loan projects.
- Participating in the [Catalyst Accelerator Ogden Demo Day](#) on January 24 at WSU.
- A follow-up meeting with administration to review options for the Salomon Center is planned for January 29.
- Helping to coordinate a ribbon cutting celebration for the Ya YA Foods expansion scheduled for January 31.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: 1127 23rd is complete and under contract to sell at the end of January. An offer to purchase 833 Kershaw has been received and is under review. 949 24th, 2866 Quincy and 450 30th are currently under construction. Home at 2329 Quincy is out to bid.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Permit for new home at 2809 Jackson has been approved. Architecture for Sycamore Cove development underway. Permit for the first group of townhomes at Towns at 24th has been issued.
- "Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance: 23 loans funded in FY24; 52 applications received; 8 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP): 28 loans completed in FY24; 2 projects are underway; and no loans are being processed (budgeted FY24 funds allocated). Applications will be accepted again in Spring 2024.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants: 14 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects. Projects are estimated to resume in May 2024.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program: Now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants. Thus far – 4 individuals housed, 2 approved and locating units, and 2 applications under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing: Project underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Planning

- The Planning Commission held a work session this week.
 - They got an update on planning for the 25th Street refresh and the Union Station campus.
 - They also discussed the Lynn Community Plan update. The commission sought ways to balance historic preservation, property rights, and infill development.
- The Landmarks Commission held a work session this week. They discussed potential projects for a five-year work program. They would like to focus on:
 - Seeking designation of historic districts at the rate of about one per year.
 - Educating the public on historic preservation, including techniques to maintain older buildings.
 - Updating historic preservation rules. This would include modifying procedures for citizen-initiated historic designations and for "demolition by neglect."
 - Seeking financial assistance for property owners to help preserve historic buildings.
- A Weber State planning class has volunteered to do a project for Ogden. The project will analyze infill residential development potential in several Ogden neighborhoods. Planning staff will use the results as part of the code and general plan update to craft rules on infill development.

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- CED Director, Brandon Cooper, has resigned and his last day will be this Friday (January 26).
 - An excerpt from Brandon's communication to Community & Economic Development staff included:
 - "It has been an immense privilege to contribute to the Ogden City team over the past 16+ years. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to collaborate with each of you, and I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together. From the Junction to the River Project to Trackline to WonderBlock, and now the beginnings of Union Station, we have changed Ogden in ways that will be positively felt for generations. Our economic development policies are working, and Ogden has all of you to thank for that. Keep it up!"
- CED Deputy Director, Jared Johnson, is now serving as Interim Director, and focused last week on preparing and participating in the annual budget meeting with city administration and other department leaders.
- Meetings are scheduled this week with community partners regarding the important SCIF project.
- [2024's first "You MAKE Ogden" meeting](#) is slated for this week (January 24) from 5:30-7:00 pm in Browning Theater at Union Station.

