

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

- Badging – TSA has accepted the full rewrite of our Airport Security Program (ASP) earlier this month which allowed our staff to begin rebadging the entire Airport population of approximately 1,200 badges. At this point, more than 500 badges are complete. The rebadging is required for TSA re-federalization of the Airport in preparation for Breeze Airways' first flight to Orange County on Feb. 21. All TSA requirements are scheduled to be in place by Feb. 15 and available for a TSA inspection.
- Terminal Project – We remain on schedule to be substantially complete by Feb. 15. There will still be punch list items that are not complete, but nothing that will hold up the commencement of air services for Breeze Airways on their first flight on Feb. 21. The majority of structural steel work is complete. The new HVAC unit has been installed. Most of the walls have been painted. Carpet is being installed. Most of the new door frames are installed. The new IT closet has been constructed and the server racks have been installed. The Bickering Sisters Restaurant will continue to remain open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

Arts

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants applications are currently being reviewed. The final funding meeting is set for Feb. 28.
- Request For Qualifications artist call for the Marshall White Center is currently open and will close Jan. 31. The review subcommittee was trained on Jan. 24. Review of all submissions will begin in early February.
- The Marshall White Center Public Art call was featured on television news – [KUTV News -- Ogden City Public Art Call](#).
- The ACE team will participate in Cultural Industry Advocacy Day at the Utah State Capitol on Feb. 2.
- The ACE team is working on the Breeze Airline inaugural flight event (Feb. 21), as well as new wall murals for the airport.
- The Dumke Art Plaza and The Corner Plaza were featured in an article in the [Utah Construction & Design](#) magazine (pages 132-134) as the "Most Outstanding Urban Revitalization Project."

Events

- Working on the first stages of prep for the International Fly-Fishing Film Festival at Union Station planned for March 8.
- Working on the first stages of planning for the Cinco De Mayo event put on by the Marshall White Center – being held at the Ogden Amphitheater on May 4.
- Working on the first stages of prep for this year's Ogden Twilight concert series.
- Talking with contractors and getting bids for minor improvements at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- New merchandise is coming soon to The Corner for resale.



Union Station Museums & Operations

- Hope Eggett was featured in an TV interview that highlighted the history and museums of Union Station – and can be seen at [KSTU Fox 13 -- Museums at Union Station](#).
- The youth-created exhibit on loan from Utah Arts and Museums, "Navajo Children Weaving the Future," is in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station through the end of March.
- Provided a Union Station Centennial events overview at the Ogden Downtown Alliance meeting.

Business & Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Worked with Weber Street University and Weber County to finalize the preferred site for the new Secure Facility.
- Supported the first "You MAKE Ogden" open house of 2024, with a focus on Historic 25th Street improvements.

- Met with key community partners – Visit Ogden and Ogden Downtown Alliance.
- Presented updates on the MAKE Ogden plan and related projects at the ODA Town Hall meeting (Sara Meess) and at the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting (David Sawyer).
- Met with Mayor Nadolski, 47G, and Brad Wilson to share priorities for supporting aerospace and defense in Ogden.
- Presented our proposal to reduce sewer impact fees for the Ya YA Foods expansion project to the Central Weber Sewer Improvement District board last week. More information was requested, and we will meet with the board again this week.
- Toured the Ya YA Foods facility, and helping to coordinate a ribbon cutting celebration for the company's expansion on Jan. 31.
- A follow-up meeting with administration to review options for the Salomon Center is planned for Jan. 31.
- Meeting again this week with our parking consultant to review the suggested changes to the first draft of the paid parking management Request for Proposals (RFP). Also meeting this week with internal project stakeholders.
- Prepared an article for the Ogden City magazine about the last year of monthly *You Make Ogden* public engagement meetings.
- Participated in the weekly Utah Redevelopment Association (URA) legislative meeting tracking HB 12 – Tax Incentive Revision and HB 13 – Infrastructure Financing Districts. Additional conceptional discussion of TIF financing for affordable housing.
- Met with two potential business borrowers referred from our recent Business Information Center Open House.
- Continued work on loan modifications for three borrowers.
- Completed technical assistance (TA) agreements for two business participants.
- Verified the 1/3 job creation requirement for one of our business borrowers.
- Continued work on business loan collections with Kenyon.
- Attended an EDCUtah site selector event and met one-on-one with six national site selectors to promote Ogden.
- Met with Renuva Energy to discuss potential locations for an environmentally friendly tire recycling plant.
- Attended the NUEA Advisory Board Meeting.
- Participated in the [Catalyst Accelerator Ogden Demo Day](#) on Jan. 24 at WSU. The participating companies were very complimentary of Ogden and one company would like to look at office space in Ogden in the future.
- Worked on an Ogden and airport site tour agenda for this week with 47G (formerly Utah Aerospace & Defense Association).
- Liesl Limburg was selected as an Honorary Commander for Hill Air Force Base's Honorary Commander Program. This is a two-year commitment where community leaders shadow a base commander and is designed to engage, educate, and empower community leaders to be partners with HAFB.
- The January sales tax report (reflecting November sales) was up significantly over the last year!

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: 1127 23rd is complete and under contract to sell at the end of January. Renovation of the home at 833 Kershaw is complete and under contract to sell mid-February. 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 is underway. Permit for the first group of townhomes at Towns at 24th has been issued.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: 24 loans funded in FY24; 54 applications received; and 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 estimated to resume in May.
- 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 3 applications under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing: Project underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Planning

- Planning staff held two public meetings to review and approve lot combinations.
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met this week. They approved a parking variance for the planned CinePointe apartments near 12th Street and Wall Avenue.



Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Meetings were held last week with community partners regarding the potential location for the important SCIF project.
- [2024's first "You MAKE Ogden" meeting](#) on January 24 was well attended and featured the 25th Street enhancement concepts for review and public input – which was generally positive (photo to right). [Standard Examiner 25th Street Article](#)