

# Community & Economic Development

## Weekly Brief



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**February 20, 2024**

### Report Purpose

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

#### Airport

- The TSA requirements for rebadging and other security related updates to prepare for this week's first Breeze Airways flight (Feb. 21) are complete.
- Terminal Update Project – We are on schedule to be substantially complete by Feb. 21.

#### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants applications are currently being reviewed. The final funding meeting is set for Feb. 28.
- 180 RFQ submissions are currently being reviewed for the Marshall White public art project. Selection will be in late Mar.
- Two new airport wall murals will be installed on Feb. 19 (graphic art made from Visit Ogden photo stock).
- Lorie Buckley taught an alcohol ink painting class to Weber State University employees for a wellness activity on Feb. 14.
- The ACE team is planning the Breeze Airline inaugural flight event, which is this Wed. (Feb. 21), starting at 11:20 am.
- The Amphitheater is getting new railing installed in the ADA area and undergoing fixes/maintenance on existing railings.
- The ACE team is working through the logistics on the upcoming Twilight Concert Series, with the first show of the season being planned for May 16. The full line up for this year should be confirmed by March 1.
- Hosting the Winter Market every Saturday during February from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Union Station.
- Preparing for the Merci Car's 75th anniversary celebration to be held this week (Feb. 22) from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Preparing for the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival coming up on March 1 – 3.
- Logistics are finalized for the IF4 film festival scheduled for March 8.

#### Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 833 Kershaw is complete and under contract to sell by the end of the month.
  - 949 24th, 2866 Quincy and 450 30th are currently under construction.
  - Construction is underway for the home at 2329 Quincy.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - The permit for new home at 2809 Jackson has been approved, and goal is to begin construction at the beginning of March (weather permitting).
  - The architecture for Sycamore Cove development is complete, with bid packages for construction on the first two new homes underway.
  - The foundation for the first phase of townhomes at Towns at 24th is underway (photo to right).
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance:
  - 27 loans funded in FY24; 60 applications received; and 11 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP):
  - 29 loans completed in FY24; 1 project is underway; and applications will be accepted again this Spring.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants:
  - 14 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects. New projects are estimated to resume in May.



- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program:
  - Now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants.
  - Six individuals housed in FY24, and 1 application is currently under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing:
  - Framing underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.

## Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Met with a local aerospace and defense company looking for new space in Ogden near the Airport. Toured the Kemp Center as a potential location for the company's manufacturing work. They employ about 15 people and need 8,000 square feet of light manufacturing space.
- Hosted a coffee hour event with CREW Utah – a women in commercial real estate networking group – at Union Station where staff presented on the *Make Ogden* plan and gave an overview of catalytic projects in Ogden, including WonderBlock and Union Station (photo to right).
- Participated in the business opening celebration event for The Mercantile on 25th Street and Grant Avenue (the restored Union Bus Depot). [Our social media video post here](#) (three pictures to right)
- Met with an up-and-coming restauranter who would like to open a fast-casual bagel shop in Ogden. They are looking for about 2,000 square feet of space. We discussed the City's business loan fund and the Wildcat microfund as potential funding mechanisms.
- Participated in the weekly Utah Redevelopment Association (URA) legislative meeting tracking HB 12 – Tax Incentive Revision, HB 13 – Infrastructure Financing Districts and SB 208 – Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments.
  - Evaluating the impact of HB 12 as applied to the Capitol Square CRA Plan and required reporting requirements to GOEO. Additional conceptional discussion of TIF financing for affordable housing.
- Continued working on the next steps for the WSU Secure Facility, including additional meetings with key stakeholders.
- Supported event planning to celebrate the inaugural Breeze Airways flights at the Ogden airport this week.
- Finalized the first draft parking management system RFP last week, and facilitated a parking project review meeting with internal stakeholders and provided the RFP with a request for review and feedback by Feb. 26.
- Participated in the Northern Utah Economic Alliance (NUEA) quarterly update meeting and updated the group on the many Ogden development activities.
- Preparing for our [Business Roundtable – EnergyWise Ogden](#) event highlighting energy saving programs offered through several Utah companies, on Feb. 26 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Union Station.
- Our second 2024 ["You MAKE Ogden" public engagement event](#) in partnership with the Union Station Neighborhood, is scheduled for Feb. 28 at Union Station from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
- Verified the job creation requirement for one of our business loan borrowers.
- Completed loan modifications for three borrowers, which are now ready to present to our loan committee on Feb. 28.
- Completed expense document packet for one or our business loan borrowers.
- Assisted potential business loan borrowers with their loan applications.
- Received six complete business loan applications. This cycle's business loan applications closed last week (Feb. 16).
- Met with Planning to review needed public engagement communications to support the new General Plan development.
- Visited Ogden Union Station with partner organizations and reviewed the logistics for upcoming Acceler8 Wasatch Week events (in May).
- Held kickoff meeting for construction of landscaping improvements on 400 block of 25th Street.



## Planning

- The Zone Ogden citizen committee met this week. We discussed procedures, standards and uses in single-household zones, and residential infill.