

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 accepted the full rewrite of our Airport Security Program (ASP) earlier this month, allowing our staff to start rebadging the Airport population of approximately 1,200 badges. 700 badges are now complete. The rebadging is required for TSA re-federalization of the Airport in preparation for the first Breeze Airways flight on Feb. 21. All other TSA requirements are scheduled to be in place for TSA inspection by Feb. 16.
- Terminal Update Project – We remain on schedule to be substantially complete by Feb. 15.
- Hangar Demolition – One of the four hanger demolitions needed for the new Air Traffic Control Tower construction, Hangar N-824, was successfully demolished.

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 March.
- The ACE team held their annual staff retreat on Feb. 8 which was focused on efficiency. ACE programming and operations were reviewed to ensure efficiency of staff time and budget.
- The ACE team is planning the Breeze Airline inaugural flight event (Feb. 21). New airport wall murals will be installed next week.
- Working on RFP for city venue event security.
- Working on a deep dive of events, exploring capabilities of an event matrix.
- Sponsored/hosted the Night to Shine event on Feb. 9 – a unique prom experience for youth with special needs.
- Hosting the Winter Market every Saturday during February from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Preparing for the Merci Car’s 75th anniversary celebration to be held on Feb. 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Finalized logistics for the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival coming up on March 1 – 3.
- Finalized logistics for the IF4 film festival scheduled for March 8.

Building Services

- Sometimes, the job changes instantly. Sometimes, the number of cases or inspections doesn't matter. On February 8, none of those things mattered. What did matter is that one of our friends, co-workers, and paramedic, Brandon Parr, just answered his phone and put a plan in action to save our Code Officer's life. Deputy Fire Marshal Parr will never accept a Heroes Award because he will say he was doing his job, but that day, he was there for a friend while also serving his community.
- One of our Code Officers, started to feel an onset of what he felt to be a heart attack. He was operating a city vehicle and realized he might need help, so he called Brandon Parr. Brandon quickly put his team into action and transported our code officer to the hospital. Our code officer was saved by our amazing firefighter and medical teams, and he is recovering nicely at the hospital after undergoing a stent placement.
- We are so grateful to our Code, CED, and Ogden Family for their support and we are thankful for our emergency providers who are always at the ready. When you get a chance, please send a Thank You to Fire Marshall Brandon Parr!

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: 1127 23rd sold to new homeowner (picture to right). 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 bidding is complete.



- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Permit for new home at 2809 Jackson has been approved. Architecture for Sycamore Cove development is complete. Bid Packages for construction on the first two new homes is underway. Permit for the first group of townhomes at Towns at 24th has been issued.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: 26 loans funded in FY24; 58 applications received; and 10 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. New projects are estimated to resume in May.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program: Now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants. Thus far – 6 individuals housed; 1 application is currently under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing: Framing underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Attended [47G](#)’s (Utah Aerospace & Defense) quarterly Board of Governors meeting.
- Met with the Ogden Industrial Development Corporation to discuss financing availability for key Ogden development projects.
- Met with Ogden business, Brenntag, to discuss their ongoing facility improvements and future plans.
- Met with Lotus Development to discuss potential creative uses (artist housing, event space, etc.) for several of their projects.
- Supported the *WonderBlock* groundbreaking event and communications. [Media Post](#)
- Participated in the Chamber of Commerce’s 2024 Economic Forecast conference.
- Met with CRS Engineering regarding the results/status of the railyard project and potential steps forward.
- Continued working on the next steps for the WSU Secure Facility.
- Met with a new potential borrower to discuss Ogden City business loan programs.
- Continued work on four loan modifications, and completed one loan modification that is now ready to present to the loan committee for consideration.
- Continued follow up on expense documentation and payroll reports for two business loan borrowers.
- Continued planning for event to celebrate the inaugural Breeze Airways flights at the Ogden airport.
- Finalizing the first draft parking management system RFP this week, and participating in a parking project review meeting.
- Participating in the Northern Utah Economic Alliance (NUEA) quarterly update meeting this Wednesday.
- Hosting the CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) organization this week to review/highlight real estate development projects in Ogden (OBE, WonderBlock, Union Station, etc.), as well as introduce our Economic Development staff and discuss our products/services.
- Partnering with our City sustainability group to provide a [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.
- Developed promotional communications to support our second 2024 ["You MAKE Ogden" public engagement event](#) in partnership with the Union Station Neighborhood, scheduled for Feb. 28 at Union Station from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Planning

- The Planning Commission met this week.
 - The commission heard a request for a zone change from M-1 Light Industrial to C-3 Regional Commercial at 1450 Gibson Avenue. The commission unanimously recommended denial of the request. The Commission found a need to keep industrial land to promote business and economic development in the city.
 - The commission also considered an update to the Lynn Community plan. The City Council requested the commission consider an amendment requiring consideration of the history of the area when zone changes are requested. The commission recommended approval of language that balanced historic preservation and property development.

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- The Groundbreaking event for *WonderBlock* took place on Friday (Feb. 9) and was well attended by city leaders and community stakeholders!
- Our development partner, J. Fisher Companies, did a great job with all of the event logistics.
- Here we go!

[Standard Examiner Article](#)



Ground broken on *WonderBlock* development in downtown Ogden

