

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/community stakeholders.

Airport

- Successfully facilitated all the preparations required for the start of Breeze Airways passenger service last week ([Standard Examiner Article](#)), including the primary elements of the terminal update project.
 - The first flight from California came in with approximately 60 passengers, and left Ogden with 100 passengers.
- The airport was able to transition and complete all the TSA security requirements (prior to the first Breeze flight), including the new security badges. Unfortunately, many badges were deactivated because the badge holders were unable to get their applications submitted prior to the deadline (Feb. 16).
 - We continue to work at an enhanced capacity to process more badges, including utilizing additional personnel, a second badge printer, and two additional training computers.



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 Marshall White Public Art RFQ submissions were reviewed/scored. The subcommittee met and the applicant field has been narrowed down to 44 artists, which are currently being reviewed under expanded criteria. Final selection will occur in March.
- Two new airport wall murals were installed prior to the Breeze Airways inaugural flight last week.
- The ACE team supported the planning/implementation of the successful Breeze Airways inaugural flight event at the airport on Feb. 21.
- The full line-up for this year's Twilight Concert Series is expected to be confirmed later this week (Mar. 1).
- Led a Saturday tour of the Station for the Mormon History Association to plan for their 2025 conference to be held in Ogden.
- Facilitated the [Merci Car 75th Anniversary Event](#) last week, with over 150 attendees (pictures to right).
- Supported our local schools by judging the Regional National History Day competition for 4th-12th grade students from Weber and Davis counties.
- Hosted two field trips with 300 students in attendance.
- Preparing for the Union Station Neighborhood open house later this week (Feb. 28).
- Hosting/preparing for the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival this coming weekend (Mar. 1-3).
- Preparing for the International Fly Fishing Film Festival on Mar. 8.
- Preparing for the Ogden Fire Department Award Ceremony on Mar. 14
- Preparing for the Naturalization Ceremony on Mar. 28.



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 Street, 2866 Quincy Avenue, 450 30th Street and 2329 Quincy Avenue are currently under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - The permit for a new home at 2809 Jackson Avenue has been approved, and the goal is to begin construction during March.
 - The architecture for Sycamore Cove development is complete. The first two homes will go out to bid in early March.
 - The foundation work for the first phase of the townhomes at Towns at 24th is underway.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance:
 - 27 loans have been funded to date in FY24; 60 applications received; and 11 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP):
 - 29 loans have been completed in FY24; 1 project is underway; and applications will be accepted again this Spring.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants:
 - 14 grants have been completed for My Hometown Initiative projects. New projects are estimated to resume in May.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program:
 - The program is now available through Ogden Housing Authority for homeless applicants.
 - Six individuals have been housed in FY24 thus far, and 1 application is currently under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing:
 - Framing is underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.
- City Council has adopted a resolution to renew our construction financing line of credit with Synchrony Bank.

Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Continuing to help Project Hermit find a suitable location in Ogden.
- Continued conversations with a local aerospace and defense company on locations in Ogden.
- Processed new business loan applications.
- Received and began processing one new business technical assistance application.
- Received input from several internal stakeholders regarding the first draft of the parking management system RFP and will start incorporating changes to the second draft this week.
- Prepared documentation and support information for airport review meeting with the state legislative auditor group.
- Continued working on the next steps for the WSU Secure Facility, including additional discussions with key stakeholders.
- Supported the inaugural Breeze Airways event at the Ogden Airport last week (promotion, swag bags, display, etc.)
- Facilitating our [Business Roundtable – EnergyWise Ogden](#) event highlighting energy saving programs offered through several Utah companies, tonight (Feb. 26) from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Union Station.

Planning

- The Planning Commission met last week to discuss the Zone Ogden development code update. The Commission discussed procedures, standards and uses in single-household zones, and residential infill. The Commission was interested in finding ways to promote additional housing ownership in Ogden.
- The Landmarks Commission met last week.
 - They considered proposed modifications to two historic buildings.
 - They reviewed a 5-year work plan.
 - They discussed ways to improve historic preservation ordinances and to promote and incentivize historic preservation.
 - They also discussed a potential nomination of Ogden as a World War II Heritage City.
- We have executed a contract with the Logan Simpson firm for the new general plan. We had a kickoff meeting this week. It is expected that the process to develop the general plan will take at least two years.
- Planning staff presented five items to the City Council.
 - 218 Chester Street Rezone (adopted); Cahoon Street vacation; Group dwelling text amendment (adopted); Short-term rental ordinance amendment; and Flex industrial zone.

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Meet with the state legislative auditor office last week to provide additional information regarding our airport activities.
- Presenting a “You MAKE Ogden” review to WSU Student Leadership this Wednesday (Feb. 28) at 12:30 pm.
- Our second 2024 ["You MAKE Ogden" public engagement event](#), in partnership with the Union Station Neighborhood, is this Wednesday (Feb. 28) at Union Station from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.