

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

- During the second week of Breeze Airways flight service at the Ogden Airport, passenger occupancy levels remain high.



Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants final funding meeting was held Feb. 28. The funding recommendations will be presented to the full Arts Committee on Mar. 12, then the transmittal will be prepared and delivered through Jared to the City Council in April.
- 44 of the 180 submitted Marshall White Public Art RFQ submissions are currently being reviewed under expanded criteria. Final selection will occur on Mar. 8.
- Gina Esparza and Lorie Buckley were interviewed on [ABC4's Good Things Utah](#) show on Friday (Mar. 1) and talked about the Ogden Art Stroll – which was also on Friday night (photo to right).
- The full line-up for this year's Twilight Concert Series should be confirmed this week.
- Facilitated the Union Station Neighborhood open house last week.
- Hosted the Hostlers Model Railroad Festival.
- Preparing for several upcoming events, including
 - International Fly-Fishing Film Festival – March 8
 - Ogden Fire Department Award Ceremony – March 14
 - U.S. Naturalization Ceremony – March 28



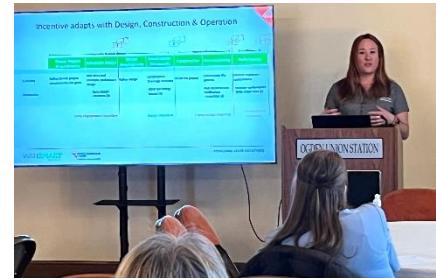
Community Development

- 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 under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction for the new home at 2809 Jackson Avenue should begin this month.
 - The first two homes at the Sycamore Cove development will go out to bid during the next few weeks.
 - The foundation work for the first phase of the townhomes at Towns at 24th is currently underway.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance:
 - 27 loans have been funded to date in FY24; 60 applications received; 11 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP):
 - 29 loans have been completed in FY24 and 1 project is currently underway.
- Volunteer Partnership Grants:
 - 14 grants have been completed for My Hometown Initiative projects.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program:
 - 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.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Met with Hill Air Force Base Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) team and APEX Accelerator to discuss potential Utah delegation to the upcoming “Tinker and the Primes” event.
- Co-hosted [Business Roundtable -- EnergyWise Ogden](#) with our Sustainability Committee which featured energy efficiency and incentive programs offered by multiple companies/organizations (photo to right).
- Promoted and supported [Union Station Neighborhood Conversation #4](#) at the monthly *You Make Ogden* open house event.
- Met with APEX Accelerator, Catalyst Accelerator Ogden, and IDEA SparkLab to discuss defense ecosystem efforts and plan for the upcoming Accler8 Wasatch Week.
- Conducted a site visit with Project Oppenheimer – an energy company that trains technicians to service nuclear power plants.
 - The group looked at executive office spaces in Ogden for a small HQ location. They are currently in discussions with Lotus for office space downtown.
- Assisted a potential restauranteur in identifying real estate options in downtown Ogden for a new bagel shop.
- Represented Ogden at the EDCUtah quarterly update breakfast.
- Continued conversations with Project Hermit about leasing industrial space in Ogden.
- Participated in the weekly Utah Redevelopment Association (URA) legislative meeting tracking HB 12, HB 13, HB 465, SB 168, SB 208, SB 268 and SB 572.
- Facilitated team meeting to review overall CED department communication objectives (increase overall impact with internal and external audiences), channels, and upcoming public engagement needs/opportunities.
- Incorporated changes to the second draft of the parking management system RFP and reviewed plans to engage with our county colleagues regarding the proposal development process.
- Reviewed three proposed business loan modifications with the loan committee.



Planning

- We have contracted with the Logan Simpson firm to update our General Plan.
 - This week we met with our team to begin drafting a public involvement and communications plan.
 - The General Plan will require broad public involvement from a variety of stakeholders.

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Presented a “You MAKE Ogden” overview to Weber State University Student Leadership (Feb. 28) – photo to right with Damen Burnham presenting.
- Facilitated a well-attended [“You MAKE Ogden” public engagement event](#), featuring the concept updates for the Union Station Neighborhood (Feb. 28) – photo below.
 - [Standard Examiner Article](#)
 - [KSL.com Article](#)

