

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.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The first concert event for this year's [Twilight Concert Series](#) was announced last week – with Phoenix and Metric on May 16.
- 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 to the City Council in April.
- The 10.8.2 study for the arts grant transmittal is currently being written.
- 44 of the 180 submitted Marshall White Public Art RFQ submissions were reviewed for final selection on Friday (Mar. 8).
- The Arts Advisory Committee meeting will be held in person this Tuesday (Mar. 12), at 8:30 am at Union Station.
- Lorie Buckley, April Gruber and Beth Bell will be attending the Utah State Breaking Barriers training Mar. 12 – Apr. 23.
 - Breaking Barriers is a Cultural Accessibility Project that is a partnership between Art Access and the Utah Division of Arts & Museums that provides disability accessibility training/mentorship.
- Our newest locomotive, the Western Pacific 3002, is awaiting finishing touches and will be on display at Union Station soon. Photo to right.
- Currently arranging travel logistics for the Merci Car to its restoration site in Cheyenne. It will be leaving the Station soon for 12-18 months and will come back appearing as it originally did in 1949.
- Submitted the Oral History Grant which proposes to collect the stories from people who lived on 25th Street and in Ogden's downtown during Ogden's railroading years.
- With the final completion of our rare book inventory earlier this year, we were able to rehouse and organize our entire rare book collection.
- Participated in Hill Aerospace Museum's Scan and Share Black History event on Saturday (Mar. 9). We shared our digital app, Urban Archive, as well as some projects we are currently working on.
- Sponsored/hosted the Fly-Fishing Film Festival on Friday (Mar. 8).
- Hosted four private events last week.



Building Services

- Organized the River Parkway Task Force to be able to monitor the different areas of the Riverways so that our prized resources can be preserved for generations to come. Engineering, Legal, Planning, Building Services and Business Licensing are also participating with this heavy task.
- Our Vacant Building Registration Team now consists of Adam Nelson – Code Services Supervisor, and Russell Knight – with our Building Services Counter Team. They have made this program into a very proficient registration system that will better support our citizens and business owners who may have vacant buildings.
- Our Code and Building Services Plow Team had another eventful weekend in support of our Airport staff.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Home at 833 Kershaw was renovated/sold to an LMI owner occupant (photo right).
 - 949 24th, 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction for the new home at 2809 Jackson is scheduled to begin this month.
 - The first two homes at the Sycamore Cove development are out for public bid: <https://ogdencity.com/264/Purchasing>.
 - The foundation work for the first phase of the townhomes at Towns at 24th is complete. Framing to begin shortly.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance:
 - 32 loans have been funded to date in FY24; 65 applications received; 9 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: 6 individuals have been housed in FY24; and 3 applications are currently under review.
- OHA Permanent Supportive Housing: Framing is underway at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.
- Weber Morgan Health Department – Healthy Homes Grant
 - WMHD awarded a \$2 Million HUD Healthy Homes Grant to protect children and their families from housing-related health and safety hazards. Ogden City Staff to provide technical assistance with implementing the program.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Hosted the kickoff event for the Rosie Project’s third cohort at Union Station. The Rosie Project provides military spouses with access to IT training and certifications, along with support services such as childcare.
- Updating infrastructure information for the Ogden Airport to share with the EDCUtah Certified Sites program. The Certified Sites program helps to market shovel-ready development sites.
- Continuing event planning for the upcoming inaugural Acceler8 Wasatch Week.
- Working with Weber County on a proposed site for the WSU defense tech secure facility.
- Met with Project Hermit and BDO individually to review real estate options. Scheduling a formal site visit in late March/April.
- Met with LSI Solution Development to discuss possible collaboration at MRO Americas Aviation Week in Chicago in April.
- Continuing to help locate a suitable location for a new bagel business in Ogden.
- Attended the celebration for local school coach, Britanie Willaims, at the Jazz’s *Her Time Clinic*, and developed and posted a city [article on our web site](#) and shared on social media. Photo to right.
- Met with the city's Sustainability Coordinator to discuss a web story updating the public on the city's sustainability goals for local businesses.
- Preparing the RDA Annual Report for presentation to the RDA Board/City Council.
- Revised and updated the Transmittals for the Dissolution of Certain RDA Project Areas for consideration by the RDA Board and City Council.
- Business Information Center team is working on underwriting three loan applications.
- Received three new business technical assistance applications.
- Based on internal stakeholder input, distributed the second draft of the parking management system RFP and engaged with our county colleagues regarding potential participation.



Planning

- The Planning Commission met this week to discuss several items. The commission:
 - Approved an expansion for the Weber County Mosquito Abatement District at 505 W. 12th Street.
 - Approved a new cell tower at Ben Lomond High School – but limited the height to 85 feet.
 - Approved the 16-lot East Lynne Village subdivision at 236 Porter Avenue.
 - Approved the preliminary group dwelling for the Grandview Townhomes project at 3865 Jackson. Original proposal included 90-total dwelling units including single-family, townhomes, duplexes. The unit number will need to be reduced.
 - Recommended approval of a zoned change at 967 12th Street to move the CP-1/R-3 boundary to match property lines.
 - Held a hearing to consider an amendment to the Ogden Bend Master Plan. The change would relocate a planned park within the area and make several other adjustments. The commission tabled the hearing to further consider better accommodating river access and promoting home ownership.