

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. Previous reports can be viewed at the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport

- Breeze Airways took off out of the Ogden Airport last week fully loaded with the Utah State Men's Basketball team headed to the first round of the NCAA March Madness Tournament in Indianapolis.
- Other general flights via Breeze in and out of Ogden Airport continue to attract a lot of travelers.



Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants transmittal package is being prepared and will be provided to the City Council in the next few weeks.
- Six finalists from the 180 artists who submitted for the Marshall White Center Public Art RFQ have now been interviewed by the selection committee. The selected artists will next be approved by the Mayor and the contracting process will start in April.
- A new installation for the Dumke Arts Plaza by Megan Geckler is in progress for a planned unveiling at the end of May.
- The new Community Art Show artist call will open on April 8 for the Animal themed show.
- Lorie Buckley and Derek Williamson are designing new Junction District street banners.
- We had great exposure via the recent [Utah Business article](#) that featured the arts and culture in Ogden and the *Make Ogden* development activities.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program
 - 949 24th, 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are all under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program
 - Construction for the new home at 2809 Jackson is underway (*footings photo to right*).
 - The first two homes at the Sycamore Cove development are now out for public bid: <https://ogdencity.com/264/Purchasing>. The bid closes on April 4.
 - Framing continues for the first phase of townhomes at the Towns at 24th.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#)
 - 37 loans have been funded in FY24, with 69 applications received and 4 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)
 - 29 loans have been completed in FY24, and one project is currently underway.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#)
 - 14 grants have been completed for My Hometown Initiative projects, and 6 new applications have been received.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for At Risk Homeless
 - 7 individuals have been housed in FY24, and three applications are currently under review.
- Ogden Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless
 - Framing is ongoing at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.
- Weber Morgan Health Department – Healthy Homes Grant
 - WMHD was awarded a \$2 Million HUD Healthy Homes Grant to protect children and their families from housing-related health and safety hazards, and training and technical support by Ogden City staff is currently underway.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Met with 47G (Utah Aerospace & Defense organization) about our partnership priorities.
- Finalized agenda for a March 26 site visit with an aerospace and defense company.
- Met with Hillcrest Bank to discuss partnership opportunities with Ogden businesses and developers.
- Continuing work with [Utah DEQ](#) on a brownfields assessment grant for north end of Union Station Neighborhood area sampling.
- Landscaping improvements on 25th Street between Washington and Adams in the [Nine Rails Creative District](#) will be starting in the next few weeks.
- Met again with the parking system project steering committee and reviewed the project timeline, RFP assumptions and communication plan.
- Meeting next week with Patriot Rail management to review their plans for the redevelopment of their Pennsylvania Ave. site.
- In the process of scheduling a meeting with the primary Salomon Center lease holder regarding facility needs.
- Continued event planning for the upcoming inaugural [Acceler8 Wasatch](#) Week (in May).
- Participated in the Planning team's "Plan Ogden" general plan kickoff meeting.
- Supported the Airport project planning review discussions.
- Working on RDA project reports for the county auditor.
- Developed a social media story about the [Utah State Men's Basketball team flying out of our Ogden Airport](#) last week for their NCAA March Madness Tournament participation.
- Promoted the [Utah Business](#) article "[Ogden is Utah's first—and next—frontier](#)".
- Developing a promotional story regarding one of our new business start-ups. Link to complete story in next week's report.
- Providing site selection support for a new restaurant wanting to open in Ogden.
- Working on the underwriting for six business loan applications and expect to present the applications for review at the next loan committee meeting on March 27.
- One of our existing business loans is now going through the process of paying off their loan in full.
- Three new business technical assistance applications are currently being processed.
- Participated in the [Intermountain Sustainability Summit](#) at WSU. Applicable information related to downtown redevelopment and supportive parking strategies was reviewed.
- Supported the Chamber of Commerce annual gala event (photo to right).

Planning

- Met with author, Jeff Speck at the Intermountain Sustainability Summit (ISS) at Weber State University and discussed community walkability strategies and various development topics.
- Planning was presented the 2024 Intermountain Sustainability Summit Collaboration Award for our work with Weber State University planning students in developing the OGX/BRT station plans along Harrison Boulevard (*photo to right: Brandon Rypien receiving award*).
- Community development, CED, planning, CAO, and mayor conducted a housing tour with state officials to show housing funding needs in the city.
- Logan Simpson consultants presented the "Plan Ogden" kick off to city departments and the planning commission for the city general plan update project.
- The planning commission reviewed the amendments to the Ogden Bend Master Plan in their work session.



Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- The next "You Make Ogden" public engagement event is this Wednesday (March 27) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Union Station's Gallery 51. We will display previously presented concepts for the Union Station Neighborhood, 25th Street Improvements and WonderBlock. Staff will be available to answer questions and listen.
- The April 24 "You Make Ogden" event will provide information related to the start of the planning process for our new General Plan.
- At the May 22 "You Make Ogden" event, we expect to present information regarding the new "Go Park Ogden" downtown parking management system.

