

# 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

- Hosted a nice event to recognize the retirement of our Airport Manager, Bryant Garrett. We all appreciate his years of dedication and service!

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

#### Arts

- The 2024/25 Arts Grants transmittal package is being prepared for submission to the City Council in the next few weeks.
- Two finalists from the 180 artists who submitted for the Marshall White Center Public Art RFQ are completing additional information requests for 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 opens on April 8 for the Animal themed show that will open at the Station on July 5.
- Lorie Buckley and Derek Williamson are designing new Junction District street banners.

#### ACE Operations

- Working with our Ogden Downtown Alliance partners for upcoming major downtown events. The Farmers Markets start on May 25 and the 25th Street Car Show is June 7.
- Working with our Goal partners for the upcoming Ogden Marathon on May 18.
- This year's Twilight Concert Series has been fully announced – see the [ABC4 news story](#) for the full lineup!
- ACE is currently hiring event techs for our event season at the Ogden Amphitheater.

#### Union Station Museums and Operations

- Completed Centennial Oral History interviews with 16 individuals who had significant Union Station ties.
- Opened a new art exhibit, "Beyond the Brush," featuring two local artists on display at Union Station through April 27.
- Hosted a successful Ogden Fire Awards Ceremony.
- Finalized marketing material for our upcoming Annual Living Heritage Festival (May 10-11).
- Finalized logistics for the removal of the Union Station cornerstone event (May).
- Hosted the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony at the Station.
- Set up and hosted the "You Make Ogden" open house event at the Station.
- Hosted four private events.
- Submitted the EZ RAMP grant for exhibit changes in the Car Museum.
- Attended the Peoples of Utah Revisited Symposium and represented a project that documented Ogden's downtown.
- Established a partnership with the Ogden Buddhist Church to preserve their history.
- Opened new exhibit, "How do you find peace in the Human Experience?" – an exhibit created by students at Ben Lomond High School – which is on display now through mid-May.
- Secured a Candlelight Concert – a performance that provides a new way to experience live music. Coming to Union Station for the first time in June.
- Secured the third annual Utah Flower Day Event! A free family-friendly event with educational demos, floral design competitions, photo ops, fresh flowers for purchase, and more! Coming to Union Station for the first time in August.



## Building Services

- With the warmer weather, construction projects are increasing, and our Review and Inspection team's workload is escalating.
- Our Code, Legal, Planning, Engineering, and Business Licensing teams are steadily working on the River Parkway Task Force to ensure we are protecting our natural resources. Currently, our team is working in the West 17th area and moving east along the Ogden River, and next we will move to the Weber River.
- We are excited for the upcoming "My Ogden Hometown" initiative project, which will be held on May 4.
- "Every Street, Every Week" has been a great success for Code Services, has brought forward daily stop work orders for projects without permits, and has educated the public about the special requirements in our historically protected areas in the city.

## 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. The first two homes at the Sycamore Cove development are now out for public bid (closes 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; 69 applications received; 6 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 completed for My Hometown Initiative projects; 6 applications received and approved.
- 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 – 31st & Lincoln:
  - Framing is complete (photo to right)
- 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

- Supported the Ogden-Weber Chamber's ribbon cutting for the re-opening of "My Mind & Body Collective."
- Our contractor began work on the 25th Street landscaping improvements in the Nine Rails Creative District.
- Continued event planning for the upcoming inaugural [Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#) (in May).
- Working with Weber State University and Weber County on the secure facility for the defense industry.
- Supported the well-attended monthly "You Make Ogden" open house; featuring a recap of updates on the Make Ogden Plan, Union Station Neighborhood, and 25th Street concepts.
- Hosted the Project Hermit (an aerospace/defense company) site visit of BDO and OBE. The visit included a meeting with education partners from OTECH and WSU, with EDCUtah also in attendance. Feedback from Project Hermit was very positive, as they felt welcomed and loved Ogden. Company management is now in lease negotiations for a site at BDO.
- Continuing to work with a local aerospace and defense company on expanding to the Kemp Center.
- Met with George-Urban – a real estate development and holding company that specializes in small bay manufacturing space – regarding potential opportunities in Ogden.
- Met with a local successful retailer and discussed potential location changes in Ogden.
- Received and examined the Weber County Auditor's 700 Report.
- Reviewing with Finance the Participation and Reimbursement Agreements for a developer's eligibility to receive 2023 TIF.
- Met with the parking project committee and forwarded project documents to Management Services for continued refinement.
- Supported the Airport project planning review discussions.
- Relative to our business loan program, continued work on job creation/retention, expense documentation (HUD requirements).
- Continued work on cleaning up Technical Assistance projects.
- Finished the first round of business loan applications/modifications, with the Loan Committee approving three and tabling one.
- Continued working with Smith Knowles on different default accounts.
- Started the process of cleaning, archiving and shredding old loan files.

## Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- There was a good turnout at the "You Make Ogden" public engagement event last week, where previously presented concepts for the Union Station Neighborhood and 25th Street Improvements were displayed and discussed. We also had Community Development staff on hand to review our housing and small business support programs (photo to right).
  - [Standard Examiner Article about You Make Ogden event](#)

