

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

- Commercial flight activity at the Ogden Airport was very high last week (likely enhanced by Spring break travel) with some flights reporting as completely or nearly full.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

Arts

- Our First Friday Art Stroll event was on Friday (April 5). There was a pop-up event at the Corner with Ogden's Poet Laureate Angelika Brewer.
- Lorie Buckley is serving on the State of Utah public art selection committee for new public art that will be located at *The Point* (600 acres of state-owned land in the Draper area that will be developed with walkable promenades, central green space, regional trail connections, public transit, housing, retail, shopping, entertainment, and more).
- The 2024/25 Arts Grants transmittal package was submitted to CED Director for approval and submission to the City Council.
- Marshall White Center Public Art selection committee will be meeting in the next two weeks to make a final decision on the artist(s) who will be awarded the commission.
- 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 Union Station on July 5.
- Lorie Buckley and Derek Williamson are designing new Junction District street banners.



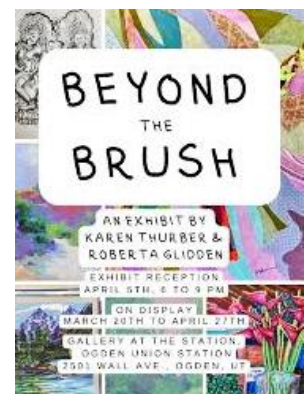
ACE Operations

- This year's Twilight Concert Series schedule is now available at ogdentwilight.com.
- Continuing to work with our community partners to prepare for upcoming major downtown events, including the Ogden Marathon (May 18) with the Goal Foundation, and the weekly Farmers Markets (starting May 25) and 25th Street Car Show (June 7) with the Ogden Downtown Alliance.
- We are still looking for event techs to support our event season at the Ogden Amphitheater. More job information [here](#).



Union Station Museums and Operations

- The "Beyond the Brush" art exhibit featuring two local artists is now on display at Union Station through April 27.
- The "How do you find peace in the Human Experience?" art exhibit created by students at Ben Lomond High School is now on display at Union Station through mid-May.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: 949 24th, 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are all under construction. Home at 1065 21st purchased for future renovation and resale (photo right).
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Construction for the new home at 2809 Jackson is underway. Bids have been received for the first two homes at Sycamore Cove. Contract process is underway. Framing continues for the first phase of townhomes at Towns at 24th.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: 38 loans have been funded in FY24; 71 applications received; 6 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP): 29 loans have been completed thus far 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 thus far in FY24, and three applications are currently under review.
- Ogden Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless: Construction is underway at the 31st and Lincoln site.
- Weber Morgan Health Department – Healthy Homes Grant: Training and technical support by Ogden City staff is currently underway.
- The FY25 Annual Action Plan was presented at the City Council work session.
- April is National Fair Housing Month. More information is at www.hud.gov/fairhousing.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Met with Utah defense stakeholders to discuss bringing a “Tinker and the Primes” type event to Ogden. Tinker and the Primes (Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma and Prime defense contractors) connects government agencies with industry partners to help solve Air Force challenges/opportunities. Our version could be “Hill and the Primes.” We are planning to take a Utah delegation to this year’s Tinker and the Primes convention in Oklahoma.
- Continued planning and marketing efforts for the inaugural [Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#) event (May 13-16).
- Supported Community Development Division’s presentation of the FY2025 Annual Action Plan to City Council, including the BIC’s business loan programs.
- Working with Engineering to explore applying for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.
- Working with a new restaurant group to confirm their new concept will work at the proposed site with our Planning group.
- Continued working with Weber State University and Weber County on the secure facility for the defense industry.
- Met with Project Hermit (aerospace/defense company) for third site visit at the BDO. The company is very positive about Ogden and is continuing lease negotiations with BDO/Boyer.
- Met with Visit Ogden management team to provide an update regarding the new downtown paid parking management system.
- Meeting today (April 8) with the parking project steering committee and our parking consultant to further refine the related Request-For-Proposals draft document.
- Met with team to review plans for upcoming *You Make Ogden* public engagement events.
 - April 24 – Zone Ogden focus; May 22 – Go Park Ogden focus; June 26 – Ogden General Plan Process Kick-off focus.
- Participating this week in Utah Alliance for Economic Development conference (April 11) and the One Utah Summit (April 12).



Planning

- The Landmarks Commission recently met and they approved:
 - 107 25th Street new sign and exterior paint
 - 164 25th Street landscaping and patio addition, and stairs repair
- The Planning Commission met last week to consider several items and they:
 - Approved a preliminary subdivision for Liberty Cove East 34-unit group dwelling at 105 West North Street
 - Recommended approval of an amendment to the Ogden Bend master plan
 - Reviewed the FY2025-2029 CIP and found it consistent with the general plan

Redevelopment and Other CED Activities

- Reviewing project proposals related to the Adams CRA.