

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

- Please encourage friends/family to take advantage of the affordable and quick Breeze Airways flights to Orange County, CA.
- Please share the airflight media posts from the Ogden City Business Development Division and Ogden City Government pages.
- We are continuing to collaborate with Code Services, Business Licensing, and Building Services to improve overall efficiency.
- Airport operations participated in the Utah Shakeout 2024 and tested our Emergency Siren and support activities.
- Fire Extinguisher training was given to Fuel Handlers at the Airport.
- The Airport terminal exterior is getting a fresh coat of paint.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Lorie Buckley, Lydia Gravis (WSU) and Vennessa Castagnoli (Ogden Contemporary Arts) met on April 18 and provided a tour of the Dumke Arts Plaza, Ogden Contemporary Arts and WSU's Shaw Gallery for the Executive Director of the Warhol Foundation.
- The Community Art Show artist call is open, and artists are invited to submit their art by June 3 for the Animal themed art exhibition at Union Station opening July 5.
- The contract for Ogden's current Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer will be routing through Cobblestone for approvals this week.
- The 2024/25 Arts Grants presentation will take place at the City Council work session on May 21.
- The Marshall White Center Public Art selection committee met on April 17 and have sent out additional questions to artists before making the final decision on which artist(s) will be awarded the commission.
- A new Dumke Arts Plaza installation by Megan Geckler is in progress for a planned unveiling on May 31.
- Lorie Buckley and Derek Williamson are designing new Junction District street banners.
- We hired three new Event Tech staff for the upcoming event season.
- Preparing the Ogden Amphitheater for our first event of the season – hosting a Cinco De Mayo event on May 4.
- Working with our partners at GOAL to prepare for the Ogden Marathon coming up on May 18.
- The Corner has new Ogden merchandise. Go check out the new Visit Ogden gear coming next week!
- Completing preparations for the 155th Celebration of the Golden Spike, at Union Station May 3 – including the 43-foot Golden Spike Artwork, an exhibit opening honoring the Chinese Railroad Workers, and educational opportunities for families.
- Completed an updated inventory of our museum rolling stock, totaling 53 engines, cars, and other rail equipment to tell Utah's railroading story. Our 54th piece, the Western Pacific #3002, will be arriving shortly.
- Working to complete logistics for the movement of the Merci Car, which will be leaving Ogden the first week of May to go to Cheyenne to undergo restoration work. It is anticipated that the Car will be gone for 12-18 months.
- Union Station Maintenance Operations has been working on landscaping, leveling, and adding new rock to the flower beds.
- Union Station received fresh paint on the fire lanes and the loading zone curbing. Special thanks to Mike Jacobo, Jacob Chadwick and team, and Vince Ramos and team. We appreciate the help and support.
- Hosted two groups of Public Historians for private tours of Union Station.
- Hosted a free museum day and activity, "Strong Foundations," on Saturday (Apr. 20), marking 100 years since the Union Station foundation was poured. Children and families participated in a craft celebration and learned about our building's history.
- Hosted the Davinci Academy student jazz band banquet.
- Hosted the UDOT 24th Street/I-15 interchange public input meetings on Wednesday and Thursday evening.
- Hosted four private events.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: Renovation of home at 949 24th Street is complete and listed for sale: <https://www.utahrealestate.com/1993296?actor=84285&share=ios> (photos right). 2866 Quincy, 450 30th Street and 2329 Quincy are all under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Construction for the new home at 2809 Jackson is ongoing. Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been submitted for review. Framing complete for the first phase of townhomes at Towns at 24th, with windows and roofing underway.
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: 40 loans have been funded in FY24; 73 applications received; 4 under review.
- Home Exterior Loan Program (HELP): 29 loans have been completed for 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 ongoing at the 31st and Lincoln site.
- Weber Morgan Health Department – Healthy Homes Grant: Training and technical support by Ogden City staff is currently underway.
- April is National Fair Housing Month. More information is at www.hud.gov/fairhousing.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Hosted an economic development discussion for the Chamber’s Leadership Northern Utah program; Sara, Liesl and David participated and presented our Economic Development Division’s vision, strategic focus areas, and recent project wins.
- Met with WSU Division of Online and Continuing Education (DOCE) about their services related to developing customized workforce training programs for area employers.
- Coordinated internally regarding UDOT’s plans for the 24th Street Interchange project and attended UDOT’s two public open houses and right-of-way meetings; with our goal to support businesses that may be impacted by the project, and if relocation is required, to help them relocate within Ogden City. More project information is available at <https://udotinput.utah.gov/24thstreetinterchange>.
- Continued planning and marketing efforts for the inaugural Acceler8 Wasatch Week event (May 13-16) in Ogden.
- Met with Visit Ogden and our Marketing manager to propose and review Airport flight service promotion plans and collaboration. Continued weekly meetings and resulting activities are planned to increase awareness and passenger activity.
- Meet with Patriot Rail management regarding their Ogden site development plans, and we will be following up with our feedback.
- Meet with two restaurant groups and our Planning Division’s Concept Review Team to review their new concepts, and feedback/direction will be provided.
- Worked on additional edits for the paid parking RFP and communicated with our parking consultant regarding questions from the last steering committee meeting.
- Met with ODA management regarding the paid parking system updates and preparations for this week’s quarterly member meeting.
- Met with Enable Utah regarding overall activities and the owners’ association at the Ogden Business Exchange.
- Met with Facilities and the master lease holder at the Solomon Center to discuss facility needs and potential lease updates.
- Met with airport staff regarding tenant lease management.
- Presentations from the recent Utah Alliance for Economic Development conference are available at X:\BusDev\Facts Library\2024\UtahAlliance_4-11-24 Meeting (contact David for access). Noteworthy presentations relative to our activities include:
 - The HTRZ development activities in Lehi Station presentation – likely applicable for our Union Station campus development.
 - The Legislative Update presentation – tax incentive changes/housing infrastructure (FHIZ, HOPZ, CRA/RDA housing set-aside changes) and land use highlights, transit innovation grants and advanced air mobility, etc.
 - The State of Real Estate presentation – market analysis for residential, multi-family, retail, industrial, office – all positive trends for our *WonderBlock* project.
- Preparing for this week’s (Apr. 24) “You Make Ogden” open house, which will feature a Zone Ogden presentation from Planning.
- Another positive Ogden article came out this week – [Ogden, Utah is one of the best places to live in 2024 | Money](#).

Planning

- Plan Ogden: Planning met with two classes at Ogden High School to get feedback from the students on their vision for the future.
- Zone Ogden: Planning presented several code changes to the Planning Commission for discussion. Topics included infill residential standards and planned developments. Additionally, we have been working with an urban planning class at WSU. They investigated infill residential development in Ogden and the students presented their final projects with recommendations on how to encourage additional housing on vacant sites. Several advisory committee and planning commission members attended the presentations.
- 24th Street Interchange: Planning staff attended UDOT’s open house and plan to support keeping affected businesses in Ogden.
- MARM: Staff presented three small subdivisions and one private subdivision to the mayor for approval. The mayor approved all four.
- Landmarks: The Landmarks Commission held a work session and focused on how to better enforce historic preservation rules.
- Heather Wadman from Engineering trained planning staff on the new FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) program.
- Alyssa Girardo and Planning Commissioner Michelle Williams attended the National Planning Conference in Minneapolis.