

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](#).

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Hosted a well-attended monthly “You Make Ogden” event at Union Station.
- Completing preparations for this week’s 155th Celebration of the Golden Spike at Union Station (May 3) – including the 43-foot Golden Spike Artwork, an exhibit opening honoring Chinese Railroad Workers, and family educational opportunities.
 - More information at: [Golden-Spike-155th-Anniversary](#)
 - See *Standard Examiner* article at: ["Golden Spike monument's stop at Union Station to coincide with opening of new exhibit"](#)
- This month’s [First Friday Art Stroll](#) is this Friday (May 3). Come check it out!
- Preparing the Ogden Amphitheater for our first event of the season – hosting the [Cinco De Mayo event](#) on May 4.
- Our Annual [Living History Festival](#) is coming up on May 10-11.
- Working with our partners at GOAL to prepare for the annual [Ogden Marathon](#) (May 18).
- The 2024/25 Arts Grants presentation will be at the May 21 City Council work session.
- The artists call for the upcoming Community Art Show (opening July 5 at Union Station) is now open through June 3.
- The Corner has new Ogden merchandise. Go check out the [Visit Ogden](#) gear!



Building Services

- Code Services: Our River Parkway Taskforce completed another major milestone by working with an additional property owner to clean up their property on West 17th Street. There were about 45 vehicles illegally stored at the site and the property owner achieved compliance by having them removed by her tenants. Our taskforce is made up of business licensing, engineering, code, planning, and legal – as well as the State of Utah Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.
- Business Licensing: We are so appreciative of the lifelong service that Pauline Miller has given to our Ogden businesses, residents and colleagues. We will truly miss her being the first one here every morning and being the last one to leave (does anyone even know where the light switches are?). Pauline’s shoes are going to be so hard to fill!
 - We now have a new job posting for a [Business Licensing Coordinator](#) and are excited about what the future will bring.

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>. 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Foundation Work for new home at 2809 Jackson is complete.
- 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: 11 families have been housed in FY24; 4 applications are 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

- Continued planning and marketing efforts for the inaugural Acceler8 Wasatch Week event (May 13-16) in Ogden at Union Station.
 - Event promotion ongoing, including: [This LinkedIn Post](#)
- Met with consultants from Project API to discuss a potential life science project at BDO. About 50K SF of manufacturing space needed.
- Started outreach to meet with business prospects at the May 19-21 International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference.
- Met with Placer.AI to review data on the platform that can assist with meetings at the upcoming ICSC trade show in May.
- Collaborated with 47G about their upcoming meeting at Union Station.
- Facilitated another commercial flight service marketing promotion planning team meeting – working toward increased awareness and Ogden Airport passenger activity. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- Met again with the paid parking steering committee and reviewed updates to the RFP and follow-up items from the previous meeting.
- Provided our paid parking presentation at the Ogden Downtown Alliance quarterly meeting for businesses and met afterwards to review details with several businesses (*photo right*).
- Supported the “You Make Ogden” open house, which was well attended and featured the Zone Ogden presentation from Planning, along with the consulting firm, Logan Simpson.
- Participated in Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Luncheon.
- Reviewed further considerations for possible RDA Plan and Budget amendments to the Adams CRA and East Washington URA.
- Working with Finance (Korahle J.) on annual RDA TIF incentive payments.
- Attended the Wildcat MicroFund Pitch Event and connected with several Ogden entrepreneurs.
- Continued working on the last part of the business loan funding process and obtaining documentation for a few loan modifications.
- Continued work to compile all information required for the migration of our loan portfolio to AmeriNat.
- Completed HUD requirements for one of our loans (job retention).
- Prepared and routed for approval one business loan modification.
- Continued work on gathering expense documentation from three business loan borrowers.
- Completed one Technical Assistance application for a new business.
- Reviewing potential project applications relative to federal congressional appropriation funds.
- Helped facilitate a tour of the Provo Airport with our Mayor and staff, along with Weber and Davis County commissioners/staff to review Provo’s experiences and lessons learned (*photo right*).
- Supporting this week’s Make a Difference Day activity (May 2) – with our team focusing on Union Station exterior cleanup.



Planning

Zone Ogden

- Planning facilitated an open house on the Zone Ogden development code update (*photo right*). About 70 people came to Union Station to give input on topics such as infill residential development, noticing, and design standards. We will use this feedback in crafting the code.

Plan Ogden

- Our consultant team, Logan Simpson, made their first presentation to the City Council on the new General Plan. The team presented the public engagement plan, noted the high-level of ongoing public engagement in Ogden (more than anywhere else in UT), and got feedback on priorities/visions. We adopted the tagline “Plan Ogden: our voice, our vision.”
- Our consultant team also took a tour of Ogden to view various neighborhoods, commercial, and industrial areas. The team rode the OGX line to tour the station areas that will be included in the plans they will help develop.
- Mayor Nadolski filmed an introduction video to encourage participation in the General Plan process (planned for June introduction).
- Planning staff presented to three Ogden High School classes to get their input on the plan.

Landmarks

- The Landmarks Commission met to consider four minor changes to historic buildings. The commission approved all but one request.
- The Commission also heard a presentation on the new hotel planned for *WonderBlock* and gave input on important design features to incorporate into the project.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

- The Board met to consider a parking setback variance on Country Hills Drive. The Commission approved the request.

