

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

- “Make a Difference Day” certainly made a difference – with city employees helping to clean up along roads north of the airport (*photo right*) – and throughout our great community ([City Post](#))!
- Construction to improve Airport Road has started and is expected to continue through May 16.
- A newly leased mowing tractor has arrived, and mowing around the runways is now underway.
- The exterior painting of the airport terminal is almost complete.



Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The Ace Team and Visit Ogden repaired the Monroe Tunnel Mural in preparation for the upcoming [Ogden Marathon](#) (May 18).
- The Ace Team participated in Make a Difference Day by weeding planters and installing planter boarder fencing at the Corner Plaza.
- Beth Bell, April Gruber, and Lorie Buckley completed the 6-week Breaking Barriers ADA training course.
- Our First Friday Art Stroll was held Friday (May 3) throughout downtown.
- Hosted last week’s 155th Celebration of the Golden Spike at Union Station (May 3) – including the traveling 43-foot Golden Spike Monument stop (*photo below-right*), an exhibit opening honoring Chinese Railroad Workers, and family educational opportunities.
 - See *Standard Examiner* article at: ["Exhibit probes contributions, struggles of Chinese laborers building transcontinental railroad"](#)
- Hosted the Cinco De Mayo event at the Amphitheater on Saturday (May 4).
- Our Annual [Living Heritage Festival](#) is this week (May 10-11).
 - Produced by the Museums at Union Station, the festival is a free two-day cultural celebration that presents the music, dance, foods, and crafts of the people who make Ogden their home.
- The Arts Grants transmittal package will be presented to City Council at their work session on May 21.
- Artist, [Mehan Geckler](#), arrived in Ogden on Wednesday to start working on her hanging installation at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
 - The new art installation will open on either May 24 or May 31 – depending on how fast the installation process goes.
- The artists call for the upcoming Community Art Show at Union Station is now open through June 3. The show will open July 5.



Building Services

- Our crew is continuing to work on staying on top of the heavy spring growth of weeds and grass. Please call 629-8961 if you see overgrown areas, including bushes/trees overgrowing sidewalks/streets.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program: Renovation of home at 949 24th Street is complete and it is listed for sale: ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](http://UtahRealEstate.com listing. 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction.• New Home/Infill Construction Program: Framing for the new home at 2809 Jackson is currently underway.• Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been submitted for review. Framing is complete for the first phase of townhomes at Towns at 24th, with windows and roofing currently underway.• Framing for new Low Income Tax Credit Housing (176 units) located at 25th and Quincy (Q25) is underway (<i>photo right</i>).• <a href=): 42 loans have been funded in FY24; 73 applications received; 2 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.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- We are in the final push of event coordination and marketing for our [Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#) event (May 13-16) at Union Station.
 - We appreciate everything that our team and partners are doing to support this event! [See Media Post Here](#)
- Business Development and Business Information Center staff [enjoyed volunteering at Union Station for Make a Difference Day](#) with our colleagues from Parks, ACE, and Visit Ogden (*photos right*!).
- Reviewed the project pipeline for the Adams CRA and discussed potential updates to the project area budget.
- RDA staff met with Finance to review the proposed 2024 – 2025 RDA budget.
- Met with Preservation Utah to review a draft preservation easement for the Forest Service Building.
- Connected with Ya YA Foods for updates on their business operations expansion at Business Depot Ogden.
- Met with Project API to discuss their new building requirements.
 - Currently working with Business Depot Ogden on build-to-suit options and existing utility line sizes.
- Continued coordination with J. Fisher Companies and MWC Real Estate on marketing materials for the upcoming International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference (May 19-21).
- Routed one business loan agreement for approval, approved one business loan modification to consolidate previous loans, and continued addressing default accounts.
- Completed six Technical Assistance Program applications.
- Working on site selection options for a new sound production studio.
- Met with Breeze staff at our airport regarding "Ticket Tuesday" details to include in upcoming promotional communications.
- Meeting this week with the Breeze Airways marketing team to collaborate on flight service promotion. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)



Planning

- The Planning Commission met last week. The commission:
 - Approved a change of nonconforming use for a blind company located at 172 W Rushton Street.
 - Recommended approval of an encroachment permit for a stairway located at 460 23rd Street.
 - Continued a request to restore a nonconforming use of an apartment building located at 486 26th Street.
 - Approved new building elevations for Midtown Village, located at 1450 Washington Boulevard.
 - Recommended approval of a zone change from R-1-6 to R-1-5 for the property at 605 North Jackson Avenue.
- Staff celebrated Jannette Borklund's last day as she retired from the city after 43 years of service!