

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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**May 13, 2024**

## 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

- Construction to improve Airport Road is continuing and is planned to go through May 16.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- It's [Ogden Marathon](#) week, with the Fun & Fitness Expo this Friday (May 17) from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Weber County Field House (4390 Harrison Blvd.), and thousands participating in the various races concluding on Saturday morning (May 18) downtown at the Finish Line Festival (25<sup>th</sup> and Grant – Amphitheater – Municipal Park).
- The artists for the Marshall White Public Art Project have finally been selected and Mayor Nadolski approved the artist selection last week. Artists will now be notified, and the contracting process will begin this week.
- The Arts Grants transmittal package will be presented to City Council at their work session on May 21.
- Artist, [Megan Geckler](#), is now working in Ogden on her installation at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
  - Volunteers are invited to help with installation process, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, May 13-23 (no art experience required).
  - The new art installation will open on either May 24 or May 31 – depending on how fast 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.
- We held our 10th annual Living Heritage Festival at Union Station on Friday and Saturday, with more than 18 performers, as well as vendors, exhibit tours, and food trucks.
  - [Standard Examiner Article: Living Heritage Festival](#)
- We welcomed the Western Pacific locomotive to its new home here at the Museum (*photo right*). This locomotive is the first Western Pacific in our collection. Now we have locomotives from each of the major railroads in Utah.
  - [Standard Examiner Article: New repainted Western Pacific locomotive to fill gap ... at museum](#)
  - [Watch Video on Facebook of locomotive arrival](#)
  - More articles are coming out from KSL and ABC.
- Continuing to plan for the Union Station cornerstone ceremony to be held on May 31.
- Helping to plan/execute Utah Museum Month in collaboration with museums across the state and Utah Museum Assoc.



### Community Development

- Our HUD Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 was presented to the City Council and approved.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of home at 949 24th Street is complete and it is listed for sale: [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 complete.

- Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been submitted for review.
- Exterior finishes underway at Towns at 24<sup>th</sup>, and phase 2 framing underway (*photo right*).
- Framing for new Low Income Tax Credit Housing (176 units) located at 25th and Quincy (Q25) is ongoing.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 42 loans have been funded in FY24; 75 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](#): 16 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects; 4 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 ongoing at 31st and Lincoln site.



## Economic Development – Business Information Center

- After months of preparation, we are excited to be hosting the inaugural [Acceler8 Wasatch Week](#) this week (May 13-16)!
  - Ogden City has developed this event in partnership with UAMMI, 47G, Hill AFB, WSU, APEX Accelerator, and Catalyst Accelerator.
  - The event is intended to foster innovation and business growth in Northern Utah's aerospace and defense industry.
  - More than 300 attendees are expected for the first day of the event!
  - We are grateful to the Union Station and ACE team for all their event support.
- Met with a federal agency to discuss potential locations for a new office in Ogden.
- Met with a developer to review a proposal and TIF request for a multifamily residential project in the Adams CRA.
- Met with WSU and other stakeholders to discuss WSU's efforts to develop a new Industrial Assessment Center, which will train students and help provide no cost energy assessments for industrial facilities.
- Met with Planning and Redevelopment regarding plans/logistics for the next “You Make Ogden” public open houses.
  - The May 22 event will focus on paid parking plans; the June 26 event will feature the new General Plan introduction.
- The Parking Steering Committee is meeting this week to review updates on the parking vendor RFP and plans to present the paid parking system plans at the “You Make Ogden” open house on May 22.
- Continuing to meet with community stakeholders regarding the paid parking system.
- Processed/paid invoices for four Technical Assistance business support projects and routed one new Technical Assistance contract.
- Routed one business loan contract for approval, completed one business loan draw request, and continued work on loan expense documentation and file cleanup.
- Met with the Breeze Airways marketing team and our city marketing manager to collaborate on flight service promotion. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)



## Planning

- Short-term rental ordinance. Staff presented to the City Council changes to Ogden's short-term rental ordinance. The changes are intended to better address issues neighbors may have with short-term rentals. The ordinance also sets parameters for short-term rentals downtown. The council adopted the ordinance.
- 24th Street interchange. Staff met to discuss land planning near UDOT's 24th Street interchange project. We will create a plan to address land use, transportation, utilities, and appearance near the interchange.