

# 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

#### Arts

- Mexico en el Corazon, a Ballet Folklorico performance was held at Perry's Egyptian Theater, May 25.
- The Ogden Music Festival was held at Fort Buenaventura over the weekend (May 31 – June 2).
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is almost complete. The opening night has been cancelled, and an artist talk will be scheduled for September before the exhibit comes down.
- A Tattoo Convention at Union Station, First Friday Art Stroll, Ogden Car Show, and Monarch's Motorcycle Show will be held this Friday (June 7).
- The artists call for the upcoming Community Art Show is closing today (June 3). The show opens in the Gallery at the Station on July 5.

#### Union Station Museum – Operations

- Hosted the Operation Hero memorial boot display Union Station (May 24-27). [Memorial Day Boot Display Article -- Standard Examiner](#)
- After months of preparation, presented the Union Station Cornerstone Ceremony and 100-year Time Capsule Reveal on Friday (May 31) to a very large and excited audience. This was an awesome event! (photos right)
  - [Time capsule at Union Station yields... -- KSL.com article](#)
  - [100-year-old time capsule unveiled at Union Station -- KSL TV story](#)
  - [Union Station time capsule opened after 100 years -- Fox 13 News story](#)
  - [Union Station time capsule gives glimpse of 1924 Ogden -- Standard Examiner article](#)



### Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of home at 949 24th Street is complete and is under contract for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#).
  - 2866 Quincy, 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Framing for home at 2809 Jackson is complete. Exterior finishes underway.
  - Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove are in review.
  - Exterior finishes underway at Towns at 24th, and phase 2 framing nearing completion (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; 77 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](#): 20 grants completed for My Hometown Initiative projects.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for At Risk Homeless: 27 housed (12 adults, 15 children); 9 applications under review.
- Ogden Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless: Construction is ongoing at 31st and Lincoln site.



- Renters' Open House: Our team engaged with dozens of attendees at the event and presented "Flash Classes" on Fair Housing Act rights to educate and assist renters with housing issues. The event was sponsored by OgdenCAN and OWCAP.
  - [Renters open house aims to educate -- article](#)
- We are working on a report to identify Fair Housing solutions and have launched a Fair Housing survey to identify impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Ogden.

Take the Ogden Fair Housing Survey



## Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Attended two 47G events: Manufacturing Committee Meeting and Project Alta launch.
  - [Project Alta](#) is focused on supporting Advanced Air Mobility in Utah; our team will be engaging to determine how we can best support these efforts, including at the Ogden Airport. [Utah to build advanced air mobility system -- article](#)
- Met with the Hill Air Force Base 748th Supply Chain Management Group and community partners to further discuss bringing a ["Tinker and the Primes"](#) type event to Ogden.
- Supported a Hill Air Force Base organizational briefing facilitated by the Acceler8 Wasatch team and an AFWERX Spark briefing.
- Engaging with a major retail prospect for the 12th Street corridor.
- Engaged with a pipe manufacturer looking for 50,000 square feet of space with a rail spur and access to a large amount of outdoor storage. Responded with information about the Patriot Rail site.
- Met with Barnes Aerospace management, reviewed business activities and areas where Ogden City can provide support.
- Autoliv held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new solar farm installation. [Autoliv solar groundbreaking article](#)
- Continuing to work on elements for a site visit with Project API scheduled on June 14.
- Reviewed the proposed Ogden air flight marketing proposal and provided feedback. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- Presented the paid parking system presentation at the May 22 "You Make Ogden" public engagement event.
  - [Make Ogden goes over plans for paid parking -- article](#)
- Presented a follow-up presentation on the paid parking system to the Visit Ogden quarterly hospitality group (May 30).
- Working on a City Council transmittal to present the updated parking presentation in an upcoming Council work session.
- Reviewing sample paid parking software/app Request For Proposals for potential use.
- Researched the ability to encumber unexpended Tax Increment Financing in the South Wall EDA.
- Began preparing the RDA Annual Report to be filed with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

## Planning

### Plan Ogden

- A plan workshop and pizza party is scheduled for June 26 at Union Station. This will be an opportunity for the community to share their ideas and priorities for the future of Ogden. We will also have a Spanish speaking plan workshop on June 27.
- We held our second community advisory committee meeting for the general plan. The advisory committee discussed what values are important for Ogden. The committee helped frame questions for a community survey.
- Our plan consultants held interviews with a long list of community members and staff to hear their desires on the general plan.

### Housing Amendment

- We posted a pending ordinance that would place a temporary limit on new apartment buildings in certain commercial zones. Our goal is to provide diverse and balanced housing options across housing types, locations, and affordability levels, with emphasis on building new single-family homes, especially for first-time buyers. In recent years, housing construction in Ogden has been dominated by new apartment buildings, with only a handful of single-family homes being constructed. Currently, Ogden has over 3,000 new multiple-family dwellings under construction, approved, or in review. The proposal would limit new apartments in C-2/CP-2 and C-3/CP-3 commercial zones. These zones are generally located along Wall and Washington in the area north of 18th and south of 27<sup>th</sup>, and along 12th and Harrison. These zones are designed for commercial development and may lack access to parks, schools, safe walking and biking paths, and neighborhood facilities that make the areas healthy for residents. The proposal would prohibit new apartments in these zones except for the following:

- Senior multiple-family; multiple-family next to OGX stations along Harrison; mixed-use projects on lots of at least 10 acres.
- Under this proposal, Ogden will continue to seek development of new multiple-family housing in appropriate areas, such as downtown as part of the Make Ogden plan, mixed-use zones, and multiple-family residential zones. This proposal is the first step of many to address housing challenges in Ogden.

### Landmarks Commission

- Met on May 23 to consider five items. Three were minor repairs and upgrades to homes, one involved installation of security cameras at a commercial building, and one would make small site repairs at the Union Station.

### Board of Zoning Adjustment

- Met on May 22 to consider a variance for setbacks for a group dwelling project at 1430 Washington Blvd. The board found the application did not meet the applicable criteria and denied the application.