

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

- Our FAA Inspection has been completed and we are awaiting the correction report.
- The Fire Department was able to change over the AFFF foam for containing/extinguishing aircraft fires to the new environmentally friendly foam.
- The construction updates on Airport Road are now complete – with the exception of new striping.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Thousands flocked to downtown Ogden on Friday (June 7) for the 3rd Annual Tattoo Convention at Union Station, First Friday Art Stroll, Ogden 25th Street Car Show, and Monarch's Motorcycle Show.
 - Eight of our staff helped the Ogden Downtown Alliance with 25th Street Car Show.
- The Arts Advisory Committee meeting is this Tuesday (June 11) at 8:30 am in the Wattis Dumke Room at Union Station.
- Working with artists selected for the new Marshall White Center to schedule their visits to Ogden as part of the design process. LaToya Peoples will visit later this month (week of June 24). Damon Reed will visit next month (week of July 19).
- We are preparing to host Juneteenth activities at the Ogden Amphitheater this coming weekend (June 14, 15, 16).
- We will be hosting "The Cannons" at our second Twilight show of the season on June 22 at the Ogden Amphitheater
- The new Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza will be in place through the end of September.
- Releasing an RFP for a museum design team this week. The team will be responsible for working with staff and the public to coordinate museum design needs, architectural work, and exhibit design.
- Hosted an Educator Night at the Museum which provided free admission to educators and their families in exchange for a feedback survey about how to improve field trip content and accessibility to local students. 68 people attended.
- Loaned our Gandy Dancer handcar to the UTA employee activity, which will be returned to the railroad museum this week.
- Planning activities for upcoming RAMP Days (Jun. 15, Jul. 20, Aug. 17), featuring free admission to the museums and additional programmed activities for the public to enjoy.
- Secured the IRS to host their quarterly new hire trainings at Union Station.
- Operations received bids to permanently repair the Station water fountain and, in the meantime, worked to find a temporary solution to operate the fountain (*photo right*).
- Operations received bids to repair the Station's west side roof, as well as a bid to move forward on the Station's needed south side HVAC repair.
- On May 31, Union Station Operations and Museums executed a successful Cornerstone Ceremony and 100-year Time Capsule Reveal. Last week's report included media coverage of the event. The following link is for the entire event video.
[Union Station Cornerstone Ceremony and Time Capsule Reveal Event Video](#)



Building Services

- Marque Martinson is our new Business Licensing Coordinator. Marque has spent several years with our city in Public Services and Planning, and she comes with a decade of experience in business licensing from Syracuse City.
- Jared Lundberg is our new Plan Review-Building Inspector. Jared comes to us after a career in the construction industry.
- Our Code and Building Teams were busy on our last day of service for the "MY HOMETOWN" projects. It is powerful to see our community members serving each other.
- The Short-Term Rental Ordinance was successfully passed through the City Council.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of home at 949 24th is complete and is under contract for sale: [Listing](#).
 - 2866 Quincy has been completed and is listed for sale (*photo right*): [Listing](#)
 - 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction. 2823 Eccles is now out for bid.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program: Drywall at 2809 Jackson is complete and exterior finishes are underway. Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been approved/construction to begin shortly. Exterior finishes underway at Towns at 24th, and phase 2 framing is completed with phase 3 framing underway. Framing is ongoing for the new LITC Housing at 25th and Quincy (Q25).
- “Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance: 45 loans have been funded in FY24; 82 applications received; 7 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 the 31st and Lincoln site.
- In-staff Environmental Review (ER) training for Com Dev and Bus Dev staff to remain up to date with federal ER requirements.
- Work is beginning on a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) plan to identify distressed areas in Ogden and to bring together a variety of stakeholders with investment activities that encourage Healthy Neighborhoods.
- Continued gathering surveys to identify solutions for impediments of Fair Housing Choices in Ogden.



Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Provided a support letter for a significant retail prospect for the 12th Street corridor.
- Facilitating an Ogden site visit for Project API this Friday (June 14).
- Working with Weber County on an upcoming site visit with a medical device manufacturer considering locating in Utah.
- Reviewing the preservation easement and next steps related to the redevelopment of historic Forest Service Building.
- Working on a plan for landscape maintenance at Dumke Arts Plaza and new park strips on 25th Street.
- Preparing for 25th St. panel discussion at this week’s Preservation Engaged Conference, with Ogden City, Visit Ogden, and ODA.
- Attended BIO – the leading Life Science industry event in the U.S. – with several state and community partners including BioUtah, GOEO, WTCU, EDCUtah, Salt Lake City Economic Development, and the University of Utah. We had the opportunity to network with Life Science companies and global trade organizations to promote Ogden as a great place to do business.
- Communicated with a local housing developer and staff to consider support for a potential new senior housing project.
- Communicated with 25th Street property owner/tenants and *WonderBlock* construction management to address business delivery access conflicts. Potential solutions are being considered.
- Working on the final draft of this year’s local business survey in conjunction with EDCUtah.
- Reviewed four business loans for closing in IDIS and completed related HUD Requirements.
- Received a final balloon payment for one loan, executed one loan modification agreement, processed a final draw request for one borrower, continued work on expense documentation for one borrower, and continued work on collections accounts.
- Meeting today (June 10) with long-time local business, Valley Glass, to review their overall business operations.
- Meeting this week with one of our large industrial companies regarding UDOT plans for the 24th Street – I-15 Interchange.
- Reviewed the proposed Ogden air flight marketing plans and provided feedback to our agency. Marketing funds have been approved and advertising should start later this week. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- Working on a City Council transmittal to present the updated parking presentation in an upcoming Council work session.
- We are sad to announce that our Business Recruitment Manager, Liesl Limburg, will soon be going to work for the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity. Although, in her new position, she will still be able to have a positive influence on our city!

Planning

- World War II Heritage City application
 - Planning staff applied for Ogden to become a World War II Heritage City. This National Park Service program allows one city in each state to be recognized for its contribution to war efforts. Ogden has a rich history including having a major depot, transporting soldiers via Union Station, and housing a prisoner of war camp. A response is expected in 3 months.
- Planning Commission
 - Approved restoration of an apartment at 486 26th St.; tabled a zone change request at the fire station at 340 Washington Blvd.; approved a 12-unit apartment at 211 Patterson St.; denied a request to interpret the mixed-use provisions as allowing residential development without commercial development; approved a phasing plan for the Midtown Village project at 1450 Washington Blvd.; and recommended approval of the 2024 Sewer Master Plan.
- Plan Ogden – public engagement workshop event is coming up on June 26 (English) and June 27 (Spanish).