

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

- Commercial flight service (our Breeze Airways flight between Ogden and Orange County, CA) appears to be picking up more passengers with increases in summer travel. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The Marshall White Center Public Art project kick off meeting with the artists, selection committee, architects, and city staff was held last week. Both artists (LaToya Peoples and Damon Reed) have scheduled their visits to Ogden as part of the design process. They will be visiting next month (July 18-22) to complete public input sessions with the community.
- The final reports for the FY23/24 Arts Grants cycle are being collected, and the new grants for FY24/25 are scheduled for potential approval by City Council (scheduled for work session Jul. 16 and public session Aug. 6).
- Community Art Show, “Animals,” will be installed in the Gallery at the Station for July 5 opening.
- New artist call for our Community Art Show – “Street Art” is open for submissions until Aug. 5.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is now in place through the end of Sept.
- Successfully hosted annual Juneteenth activities at Ogden Amphitheater Jun. 14-16 (*photo right*).
- Hosted “The Cannons” at second Twilight show of the season Saturday (6/22) at the Amphitheater.
- Hosted the RAMP Days activity last week (Jun. 15), with free admission to museums and programmed activities for the public to enjoy. Upcoming RAMP Days are scheduled for Jul. 20/Aug. 17.



Community Development

- Set up and staffed a Public Outreach Booth at the Farmer’s Market for Fair Housing and program input.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of home at 949 24th is complete and is under contract for sale: [Listing](#)
 - Renovation of home at 2866 Quincy is complete and is under contract for sale: [Listing](#)
 - 450 30th and 2329 Quincy are under construction. 2823 Eccles is now out for bid.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - New construction of home at 2809 Jackson is ongoing, with work underway on interior painting and exterior finishes.
 - Permits for two homes at Sycamore Cove have been approved and construction is to begin next week.
 - Exterior finishes are underway at Towns at 24th, and phase 2 framing is completed with phase 3 framing underway. Additionally, the foundations for phases 4 and 5 are complete.
 - 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; 84 applications received; 9 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.

Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Facilitated a site visit for Project API last week (June 14), featuring multiple potential locations in Ogden.
- Worked with Weber County economic development to facilitate a site visit last week (June 20) with a medical device manufacturer considering a new facility in Utah. We presented sites at Ogden Business Exchange and Business Depot Ogden.

- Hosted an Ogden Airport area site visit for Project Nandi last week (June 21). The company is considering a location for its first U.S. location, and its operations relate to the aeronautic carbon-fiber industry (*photo right*).
- Met with Autoliv regarding support for a new solar project at their Ogden facility.
- Communicated with Topper Bakery regarding the status of their planned re-opening.
- Met with the business owners at [Kitchen Kneads](#) to review overall operations and promotional ideas.
- Met with [Valley Glass](#) to review their significant history in Ogden and overall business operations. [Read Valley Glass article here](#)
- Met with Grant Trucking, city engineers and UDOT representatives regarding plans for the new 24th Street/I-15 Interchange.
- Sara Meess presented at the Preservation Engaged Conference in Provo regarding Historical 25th Street. [LinkedIn Post](#)
- Developed and provided support documentation to a local housing developer for a new senior housing project.
- Met with the *WonderBlock* construction management team to address challenges associated with the new court parking on Grant and delivery access for businesses on 25th Street.
- Completed and sent out this year's local business survey in conjunction with the Economic Development Corporation of Utah.
- Continuing to work with the Breeze Airways marketing team and our marking group on needed promotional activities. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- Met with Placer AI and reviewed available market data and consumer use/travel patterns at the Ogden Airport – with the objective of informing our overall air flight marketing communication strategies.
- Participated in the Utah League of Cities Economic Development Advisory Group, featuring discussions regarding new transportation utility fees; use of the State's Home Ownership Promotion Zone (HOPZ), First Home Investment Zone (FHIZ) and the HB572 "PTIF" program; and updates on Vertiports & Advanced Aerial Mobility activities.
- Informally reviewed the status of the new parking management system, including the timing requirements for the new Parking & Mobility Operations Supervisor position, during last week's City Council work session.
- Completed the City Council Transmittal to present the paid parking presentation and submitted for consideration.
- Participated in Planning's Concept Review Team meeting with local business, Brenntag, relative to their expansion plans.
- Continued work on the RDA Annual Reporting Database of project areas for the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Transmitted the RDA Resolution and City Council Ordinance for the Dissolution of certain RDA project areas to Legal.
- Reached out to a several local financial institutions for potential collaboration on small business financial support.
- Working on the development of our updated FY'25 business loan application.
- Creating a timeline of activities for the loan transfer from Guffey Home Loans to AmeriNat.
- Updating the procedure for our business loan default and collection process.
- Engaged with a local business experiencing financial challenges and provided contacts, resources and information about various organizations that may be able to assist with their situation.
- Working with legal counsel (Smith Knowles), in preparation for the sale of equipment obtained from a default loan.
- Closed two business technical assistance projects, executed two business loan modifications, completed expense documentation for one business borrower, processed invoices for the business technical assistance program, and continued work on loan file cleanup and default accounts.



Planning

- Plan Ogden
 - Prepared for the [Plan Ogden Community Open Houses](#) this Wednesday, June 26 (English) and Thursday, June 27 (Spanish). Both events will be held at 5:30 pm at Union Station. Pizza will be provided!
 - Planning staff were at the Farmers Market on Saturday, June 15 and June 22, to promote Plan Ogden and Zone Ogden.
 - We held the third Plan Ogden advisory committee meeting on June 13. The committee reviewed materials and activities for the community open houses.
- Planning Commission
 - Planning staff updated the Planning Commission on the general plan update.
 - Commission held a work session on the proposed ordinance limiting residential development in gen. commercial zones.
- 24th Street Interchange Plan
 - The Infrastructure Committee met to discuss planning for the area around the 24th Street/I-15 interchange. UDOT is planning to change this to an all-direction interchange, and this will impact access, land use, and utilities. The Logan Simpson company will be creating a land use plan for consideration.