

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

- ACE Team and Visit Ogden Team will be making repairs to the Monroe Tunnel Mural on July 2.
- First Friday Art Stroll is this Friday along with two back-to-back Twilight Concerts, July 5 and 6.
- Community Art Show, “Animals,” will be installed in Gallery at the Station for July 5 opening.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza (*photo right*) is now in place through the end of September. [See video about the art installation](#)
- The final reports for the FY23/24 Arts Grants cycle are being collected, and the new grants for FY24/25 are scheduled for approval by the City Council (work session 7/16, public session 8/6).
- The Marshall White Center Public Artists, LaToya Peoples and Damon Reed will be visiting July 18-22 to complete public input sessions with the community.
- New artist call for Community Art Show – “Street Art” is open for submissions until Aug. 5.
- The RFP for museum planning, architectural design, and exhibit design is out and appears to be popular. The final response deadline has been extended to July 16.
- Met with community stakeholders about the Denver and Rio Grande Western 223’s (historic locomotive) next steps, including inventory of pieces and analysis of restoration options.
- Met with Merci Car restoration specialist and work to study wood/paint samples is ongoing.
- Submitting final reports for Weber County RAMP grant (\$30,000) and Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity grant (\$100,000).
- Finalizing logistics for the Big Boy 4014 (historic locomotive) return.
 - Completed marketing material for the Big Boy 4014 return (*promo poster right*).
- Completed the Union Station campus sidewalk repairs.
- Secured the IRS onboarding training for the second time this year – taking place end of July.
- Completed an annual gift shop inventory.
- Hosted a successful two-night Plan Ogden public workshop, and four private events.



Community Development

- Set up and staffed a public outreach table at the Plan Ogden introduction event to gather input on Fair Housing and the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA).
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of home at 949 24th was completed and the purchase by an owner occupant closed.
 - Renovation of home at 2866 Quincy is complete and is under contract for sale: [Listing](#)
 - 450 30th construction is nearing completion and will be available for sale shortly.
 - 2329 Quincy is currently 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.
 - Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove – 2350 Quincy Ave.
 - Exterior finishes are underway at Towns at 24th, and phase 2 framing is completed with phase 3 framing underway. Additionally, framing for phases 4 and 5 is 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; 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

- Submitted a proposal for Project Amelia, an aircraft manufacturer considering locating at the Ogden Airport.
- Provided follow-up information to Project Nandi to support their consideration of Ogden for their U.S. operations.
- Continued work with Weber State University and the County on next steps for a Downtown Ogden defense tech secure facility.
- Worked with Building Services to assist Autoliv, Cache Valley Bank, and Ya YA Foods on various permit-related items. We appreciate Building Services' great work on these major projects!
- Supported the "You MAKE Ogden" open house, which this month featured two workshops for Plan Ogden, the general plan update. Workshops were hosted in both English and Spanish, and included an introduction to the general plan process, interactive polling, and small group discussions. The turnout and level of engagement were fantastic!
- Communicated with one of our major businesses regarding their expansion plans and need for utility infrastructure support.
- Met with our partners at the United Way to review ideas to encourage local businesses to support community engagement.
- Met with ODA management and City administration to review ongoing needs and opportunities for continued collaboration.
- Followed up with business support resource information for several of our small businesses.
- Emailed our Quarterly Business Development Newsletter to area businesses, featuring articles on: [Aerospace and Defense Industry Leaders Gather in Ogden](#); Annual Business Survey; [WonderBlock Goes Vertical](#); [The Mercantile on 25th Street Opens - with support from Ogden City Business Information Center](#); [Valley Glass Recognized by Chamber as Small Business of the Year](#); From Ogden to Orange County—four days a week via Breeze Airways; [Union Station Centennial Celebration Continues Throughout the Year](#); and [Updated General Plan Underway – Community Involvement Needed](#).
- Met with our housing team regarding support information for their Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area report.
- Routing parking consultant agreement term extension amendment to continue support for our new parking system rollout.
- Promoted local businesses/projects/events via our social media channels, including [Preservation Utah's Recognition of the building restoration at The Mercantile](#); [Opening of Urban Prairie Agriculture](#); [Suazo Business Center now offering classes in English and Spanish](#); [City Council's tour of the Marshall White Center and WonderBlock construction projects](#).
- Finished cleaning up/organizing the file storage area at the Business Information Center, worked on expense documentation for two business loans, and continued development of our updated FY'25 business loan application.
- Continued work with the Breeze Airways marketing team and our marketing group on needed promotional activities. [Book your Breeze Airways flight here!](#)
- We bid a fond farewell to Liesl Limburg, who is moving into a business recruitment role with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO). We thank Liesl for all her accomplishments at Ogden City, and for being such a great member of our team!

Planning

- Plan Ogden – last week was a big week!
 - On June 26 we held a hugely successful [Plan Ogden](#) public workshop to get the public's ideas for the future of the city, with more than 150 citizens participating.
 - Participants were asked to share their visions and values. They also participated in a table-top mapping exercise to plan for future housing, jobs, and transportation.
 - [News Article -- Public gets involved with Ogden general plan session](#)
 - On June 27 we held the same Plan Ogden public workshop for Spanish speakers, and about 20 came and gave feedback on their visions for the future (*photo right*).
 - Additionally, we also held individual interviews with a few dozen community members to get one-on-one new general plan input.
- Landmarks Commission – met last week to consider three items and...
 - Approved new sidings and gutter for a home at 972 26th Street.
 - Approved new "Cake Topper" sign on Mercantile building at 2501 Grant.
 - Approved changes to the Roosters sign to replace the neon with LEDs.



Redevelopment – other CED Activities

- Met with a developer regarding the potential redevelopment of one of our major commercial areas.
- Coordinated with several developers and construction teams regarding ongoing project activities.
- Setting up a customer relationship management system to improve communications with development partners.
- Check out the [WonderBlock leasing post](#) from Mountain West Commercial Real Estate.