

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

- This month's First Friday Art Stroll was held Friday (July 5) – *picture right*.
- Back-to-back Ogden Twilight concerts were held Friday and Saturday (July 5 and 6) with Ben Bohmer and Diplo.
- Our Ogden Arts Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 8:30 am.
- Community Art Show, "Animals," is now installed in Gallery at the Station.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is now in place through the end of September.
- The FY24/25 Arts Grants are scheduled for consideration/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 community input sessions.
- Our artist call for Community Art Show – "Street Art" – is open for submissions until Aug. 5.
- The response deadline for the RFP for museum planning, architectural design, and exhibit design has been extended to July 16 (there has been a lot of positive interest).
- The Big Boy 4014 (historic locomotive) return is scheduled for July 20-21 at Union Station.



Building Services

- Our Permits and Plan Review staff recently issued building permits for some exciting new projects, including the 5-story, 97-unit Lotus City Walk apartments and a \$6 million solar array for Autoliv.
- Our Code Services team have been actively working towards demolition of several dangerous buildings, including 1636 Washington Boulevard and 2136 Union Avenue.
- Our Building Inspectors are continuing to perform inspections on multiple large projects, including WonderBlock, Marshall White Center (*current photo right*), Hunter's Landing, Fernwood and Lotus Riverwalk.
- After 30 years of dedicated service, Pauline Miller, we will be having her retirement party on July 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on the first floor. We hope everyone will stop by to wish her well on her retirement!



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of home at 2866 Quincy is complete and is under contract for sale.
 - 450 30th Street construction is nearing completion and is listed for sale: <https://www.utahrealestate.com/450-E-30TH-ST-Ogden-UT-84403/2009081>
 - 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: 46 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

- Met again with Weber County and WSU on the development of a defense tech secure facility in Downtown Ogden.
- Submitted a proposal for Project Skyhawk, a satellite technology company considering Ogden for new business operations.
- Presenting the Paid Parking plan update at the City Council Work Session on Tuesday (July 9).
- Presenting the Downtown Parking plan review at the Ogden Breakfast Club Exchange on Thursday (July 11).
- We congratulate David Sawyer on his promotion to Deputy Director of CED. We thank David for being a great leader within our division and look forward to his continued success in his new role!

Planning

- The Planning Commission met on July 3 to consider 12 items – outcomes included:
 - Approved development of a rock and gem shop at 660 12th Street and a metals manufacturer at 801 Depot Drive.
 - Approved four townhome projects: Somerset Villas at 218 Chester Street, Grandview Townhomes at 3865 Jackson Avenue, Ogden Towns at 335 7th Street, and Dylan’s Townhomes at 1245 Monroe Boulevard.
 - Determined that a plan to add a parking lot at Grandview Park complies with the general plan.
 - Recommended approval of a rezone of a part of the fire station at 340 Washington Boulevard to C-3 and a rezone of a part of 4336 1650 W next to the airport as FLEX industrial.
 - Continued a request to cover a brick house at 2268 Adams Avenue with a German Schmear treatment.
 - Held a public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to limit multiple-family development in the C-2 and C-3 zones. The commission will continue discussion of this at their August meeting.

Redevelopment – other CED Activities

- Submitted the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity’s (GOEO) Annual RDA Report per State Statute.
 - The report is now live on the (GOEO) online database at <https://goedcommunity.utah.gov/RDA/s/>.
- Reviewing the Redevelopment Agency Annual Summary Report for 2022/2023 in preparation for printing/distribution.
- Setting up a development project management system and customer relationship management system to improve communications with development partners.
- Considering options relative to several existing and needed new CRAs.
- After weeks of preparation, our marketing team and agency has initiated our commercial flight promotion activities.
 - An online ad example that ran this weekend is shown at right. 
 - Additional ongoing promotional and advertising activities to follow.
- David Sawyer has accepted the position of Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development.
 - David has served as our Deputy Division Manager for Business/Economic Development for just over four years and has more than twenty years of business marketing and community economic development experience. He has also served in several elected and volunteer community positions.
 - We are glad to have David’s support in our Department’s Deputy Director role and look forward to his continued positive influence on our great City!
 - As you see or communicate with David, please express your support as we work together to address our many challenges and opportunities ahead.



The advertisement is for the Standard-Examiner newspaper. It features a large blue banner with the text "Seriously Affordable Flights From OGDEN to ORANGE COUNTY". Below this, there is a "BOOK YOUR FLIGHT TODAY!" button and the website "flyBreeze.com". The Breeze logo is also present. At the bottom of the banner, there is a navigation bar with links to NEWS, LIFESTYLE, OPINION, SPORTS, POLICE & FIRE, OBITUARIES, PLACE NOTICE, and TODAY'S PAPER. The rest of the page shows the standard layout of the newspaper with various articles and columns.