

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

- Facilitated the Shakespeare Festival at the Amphitheater last weekend (*photo right*).
- Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy No. 4014 (world's largest operating steam locomotive) returned to Ogden this past weekend.
- The Marshall White Center Public Artists, LaToya Peoples and Damon Reed, visited last week for public community input sessions, as well as meetings at the Boys and Girls Club, Youth Impact, the architect and contractor for the new center, and Ron White and family.
- The FY24/25 Arts Grants were presented to the City Council during their work session last week, and will be presented for consideration/approval at the City Council meeting on August 6.
- [Pioneer Days Events](#) and Rodeo are happening now through Wednesday (24th).
- Community Art Show, "Animals," is now installed in Gallery at the Station.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is open through September.
- [Onstage Ogden Presents Michael Cleveland and the Flamekeeper](#) – July 28 at the Ogden Amphitheater (*photo right*).
- [Onstage Ogden Presents Big Bad VooDoo Daddy](#) – July 31 at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- Our artist call for Community Art Show – "Street Art" – is open for submissions until August 5.
- The Request For Proposals (RFP) period for museum planning, architectural design and exhibit design closed last week, and the RFP review process is now underway.



Shakespeare Festival



Michael Cleveland and the Flamekeeper

Building Services

- The Business Licensing team is moving forward with their new supervisor. Marque has stepped into that role and the team is doing a great job supporting her.
- In the interest of resolving the issues with several businesses, the Code Services Team is working closely with our Fire Department. The demolition of Kosmo Burgers should commence in the next few weeks.
- The Permits and Plan Review staff are continuing to be customer service minded at the service counter. Members of our team and the Building Inspectors were able to participate in a walkthrough of the WonderBlock parking structure.
- Summer is in full swing and that means our Building Inspectors have been extremely busy with full days of inspections for commercial and residential work around the city.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th Street construction is complete and is listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
 - 2329 Quincy is currently under construction. 2823 Eccles is now out for bid for renovation.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - The new construction of home at 2809 Jackson is ongoing, with utility connections and exterior flatwork underway.
 - Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove – 2350 Quincy Avenue.
 - Exterior finishes are underway at Towns at 24th, first phase nearing completion with final phase framing underway.
 - Exterior finishes underway on first section for the new LITC Housing at 25th and Quincy (Q25) – *photo below*.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 5 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 10 applications received; 2 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 5 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25), and six being processed. 23 applications have been received.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 2 grants have been approved for My Hometown Initiative projects, 1 new application received.
- 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: exterior finishes underway at the 31st and Lincoln site.



Q25

Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Provided additional information for Project Amelia, an aircraft manufacturing company considering Ogden.
- Continuing efforts to plan for a major defense supply chain event in 2026 with Hill AFB, Visit Ogden, OECC, and GOEO.
- Updating marketing material for business recruitment, including community and industry profiles.
- Reviewing the status of ongoing redevelopment projects and project areas.
- Routed one business loan modification to extend the due date on the job creation requirement.
- Sent notification letters to all active borrowers regarding the transfer of loans from Guffey Home Loans to AmeriNational.
- Staff attended the Chamber’s Business After Hours and supported the Ribbon Cutting of the updated Rodeo Grounds.
- Our new [Small Business Loan Program Application](#) is complete and now open.

Planning

- Planning Commission
 - The Planning Commission held a work session last week. They discussed the proposed ordinance limiting apartments in general commercial zones. The commission will deliberate on the proposal at their August 7 meeting.
- Landmarks Commission
 - The Landmarks Commission held their regular meeting on July 18. The commission approved two minor changes to historic buildings. They also discussed the Forest Service Building and having the city possibly be a preservation easement holder for the property.

Redevelopment – other CED Activities

- Met last week with Breeze Airways regarding ongoing activities and plans.
- Increased flight promotion activities are underway – supported by our city marketing team.
- Continued work on two major grant applications that would support needed airport updates.
- Meeting this week with our legal team to review and work on the new parking ordinance.
- Met with several developers regarding current and potential future projects.
- The Ogden River Master Plan is scheduled to be reviewed at the July 30 Council work session, and potentially reviewed at the August 20 Council and RDA meetings.
- The Piccadilly/Parkway property sale closed and we have a REPC in Cobblestone for the UDOT portion of the project.
- Reviewing potential options relative to several existing and needed new CRAs.