

# 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

- Ogden Airport submitted two grant applications to the FAA last week.
  1. SCASD grant (Small Community Air Service Development). If approved, funding via this grant will be utilized to encourage the expansion of additional commercial flight routes to/from Ogden.
  2. ATTP grant (Airport Terminal and Tower Project). Funding from this grant would allow the airport to continue its terminal improvements/expansion, including the development of ADA compliant offices and additional gate areas.

### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Facilitated this month's First Friday Art Stroll last week (Aug. 2), including public voting for the Community Art Show at Union Station – "Animals" – which is currently installed at the Gallery at the Station.
- The FY24/25 Arts Grants will be presented for consideration/approval at the City Council meeting this week (Aug. 6).
- Community Art Show, "Animals," is now installed in Gallery at the Station.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is currently open through September.
- Mayor's Awards in the Arts nominations concluded last week (Aug 2).
- The next Twilight Concert is this week (Thursday, Aug. 8) with *Killer Mike* at the Amphitheater (*photo below*).
- Artist call for Community Art Show – "Street Art" – is open for submissions through today (Aug. 5).
- We partnered with Union Pacific and hosted the Big Boy #4014 and the Heritage Fleet in support of our Centennial Year celebrations with over 53,000 people in attendance at the July 20-21 event.
  - Sold out of Union Station Gift Shop merchandise, profiting \$16,000.
  - Special thank you to the Union Station team and our wonderful volunteers for their support.
- Met with city administration regarding upcoming Union Station centennial activities.
- Completing logistics for our 1920's Centennial event coming September 2024.
- Union Station HVAC repairs are complete, and we are evaluating roof repair bid responses.
- Hosted the Ogden Trails Network Shindig event – featuring a corn hole tournament.
- Currently evaluating RFP responses for Museum Planning/Architectural Design/Exhibit Design. The review committee met last week.
- Opening a new exhibit, "Transcendence," by local artist Noelle Perry on display at the Myra Powell Gallery now through Sep. 28. This exhibit is a multi-series collection exploring themes of freedom, wholeness, moments of alignment, and being unbound.
- Completed quarterly cleaning of museum exhibits and displays.
- Beginning work on an oral history project documenting Union Station's impact on downtown Ogden. 11 interviews will be completed by Rootsbridge LLC highlighting local community members.
- Finalizing logistics for our Dia de los Muertos event – coming up in October. We are now the proud owners of the Dia de los Muertos skulls, which have been moved to the Station where they will be stored and put on display at the Station during the annual event.
  - Thank you to Amir Jackson and the Dia de los Muertos committee for their help and support.
- Hosted the IRS onboarding training for the second time this year. Also hosted 3 school field trips and 7 private events.
- RAMP Free Summer – Sat., Aug. 17, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Come enjoy a free day at the Museums. Featuring a family friendly activity.



Killer Mike at Ogden Amphitheater

### Building Services

- The Business Licensing team has been implementing new license renewal processes to help better communicate with business owners.
- Our Plan Review team has completed the first review of the construction plans for the Union Walk apartments at 144 25th Street.
- Code Services is currently working with My Hometown to address and resolve property issues in our community.
- We are updating our vacant property list, which will be shared with other departments to ensure safety and building permit follow-up.
- Multiple permits were issued to Cache Valley Bank and Yaya Foods last week.
- The Permit Staff, Inspectors, and Business Licensing are all working towards being more customer service minded.

## 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 exterior painting underway.
  - The first phase of Towns at 24<sup>th</sup> is now complete and new homeowners are scheduled to close next week (*photo above*). All other phases are at various stages of completion.
  - Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove – 2350 Quincy Avenue, with foundation and backfill now complete.
  - Exterior finishes underway on the first section for new LITC Housing at 25th and Quincy (Q25).
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 5 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 13 applications received; 4 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 8 loans approved since July 1 (FY25), with 6 being processed. 23 applications have been received.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 2 grants approved for My Hometown Initiative projects, and 1 new application has been received.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for At Risk Homeless: 63 housed (30 adults, 33 children); 9 applications under review.
- Ogden Housing Authority Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless: exterior finishes underway at the 31st and Lincoln site.



## Economic Development – Business Information Center

- Researching potential options to move forward on the Capital Square RDA area/project.
- Visited with several businesses and discussed our business loan program.
- Sent our loan portfolio updates to AmeriNat, in preparation for the company to begin servicing loans.
- Participated in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) webinar which featured best practices from other cities and counties.
- Completed HUD requirements for a borrower (file under review to close), and continued loan work on job creation tracking/completion.
- Provided additional city information for Project Amelia (aircraft manufacturing company considering Ogden) and are now coordinating with EDCUtah and the company's site selector regarding plans for an upcoming site visit, including potential sites at the Ogden Airport.
- Met with Hill Air Force Base leaders, our Mayor, and representatives from the County, Visit Ogden and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to review efforts and plans for a major defense industry supply chain event in Ogden in the spring of 2026 ("Hill and the Primes"). As part of event preparations, a representative local group will attend a similar annual event in Oklahoma this week.
- Met with the County, WSU and potential developers for the proposed Weber Block Development Project and provided our economic impact projections for the potential development.
- Met with a local developer regarding potential redevelopment projects on Washington Boulevard.
- Met with a local developer and potential investor to review the historic Ogden Business Exchange Building to consider some type of collaboration to ultimately restore and reuse the facility.
- Provided Ogden reinvestment impact statistics to ODA relative to their Main Street Program reporting requirements.
- Met with our finance team regarding potential funding sources for the historic Forest Service Building acquisition.
- Met with a hotel developer consultant regarding Ogden economic factors and demand/opportunity for additional downtown hospitality sites. The consultant is working with a local developer to consider the feasibility of a new hotel development in Ogden.
- Met to review potential collaboration with neighboring communities and MIDA (Military Installation Development Authority).
- Participated in the Ogden Downtown Alliance quarterly business meeting.
- Met with Autoliv and our planning/building services team regarding the company's new solar project planning needs.
- Participated in the Northern Utah Economic Alliance meeting, featuring discussions with Hill AFB leaders and area community updates.

## Planning

- Plan Ogden:
  - Planning staff met with our consultant team, Logan Simpson, to review input from recent public outreach events. The goal is to create three scenarios reflecting the main themes of the public input, which will be reviewed at a public outreach event in October.
  - Staff has also scheduled several additional public input events:
    - 8/14, 5:30-7:30, Catholic Com. Serv.: West Ogden community
    - 8/22, 6-8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church: African American community
    - 8/24, 1:00-2:00, Weber County Library: LGBTQ+ community
    - 8/26, 6-8, WSU Community Ed. Ctr.: Hispanic/Latino community
- Wall Avenue Plan:
  - Staff has selected Kimley-Horn to prepare a Wall Avenue Plan. The plan will focus on the best cross section on Wall Avenue to meet future needs, especially in Downtown near Union Station.

## Redevelopment – other CED Activities

- Met with several developers regarding current and potential future projects, including the potential developer for the Capital Square site and the potential developer for the Riverwalk site.
- The Ogden River Master Plan was reviewed last week (7/30) at Council work session and is planned for review at Council/RDA Aug. 20.
- Met with the County economic development manager to provide updates on current activities.
- Facilitated media interviews regarding the Ogden Airport, WonderBlock, Downtown Parking Plans and Apartment Development.