

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

- The artists awards reception for the Community Art Show “Animals” was held last week at Union Station. The show will remain in place until August 23 in the Gallery at the Station.
- The Ogden Amphitheater supported a great turn out for the recent two-day Pride Festival.
- The FY24/25 Arts Grants were presented for consideration at the City Council meeting last week (Aug. 6) and were approved. Contracting will now begin.
- The Mayor’s Awards in the Arts nominations were reviewed last week, and voting will take place this Tuesday (Aug. 13) during the Arts Committee meeting.
- Our artist call for Community Art Show – “Street Art” – closed last week (Aug. 9). The show will open on Sept. 6, during the First Friday Art Stroll.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is currently open through Sept. If you haven’t seen it yet – check it out!
- The exhibit, “Transcendence,” by local artist [Noelle Perry](#) is on display at the Station’s Myra Powell Gallery now through Sep. 28.
- Killer Mike and Hippo Campus performed at our Ogden Twilight Concert last week (Aug. 8) at the Amphitheater.
- We are gearing up to host the annual [Enable Utah Concert](#), Aug. 17, presenting [Diamond Rio](#) (photo right) at the Ogden Amphitheater.
- We are working with [Ogden Downtown Alliance](#) on logistics for the annual [Harvest Moon](#) event on 25th Street, coming up on Sept. 21. More information in next week’s report.
- Four of our planned eleven oral history interviews have now been completed, including interviews with Marshall White’s son – Ron White, leaders of [New Zion Baptist Church](#), and members of Ogden’s Basque community.
- Finalizing logistics with the [Utah Cut Flower Farm Association](#) to host their 3rd annual Utah Flower Day on Aug. 17, 11:00 am–3:00 pm.
- Prepping for RAMP Free Summer Saturday on Aug. 17, 11:00 am–4:00 pm.
- Hosted another IRS onboarding training for the third time this year, and also hosted six private events at the Station.
- Completed Browning Theater stage repairs, installed new flooring on our portable risers, and completed paint touch-ups throughout the Station’s north end.



Diamond Rio Band

Community Development

- Hosted a neighborhood revitalization tour with State officials looking to expand opportunities to improve homeownership opportunities.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th Street construction is complete and is listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
 - 2329 Quincy Avenue is currently under construction. 2823 Eccles Avenue renovation bid process is complete and permit process is underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - The new construction of home at 2809 Jackson Avenue is ongoing, with exterior painting now complete and landscaping to begin shortly (photo right).



Community Development *(continued)*

- The first Towns at 24th units are complete and currently being sold, with additional development phases in various stages of completion. [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
- Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove (2350 Quincy Avenue) with framing now underway.
- Exterior finishes are underway on the first section for new LITC Housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (Q25).
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 6 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 18 applications received; 7 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 10 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25), with 6 more being processed. 23 applications have been received.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 5 grants have been approved for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- 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 – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Met with key staff (Planning, Public Service, Management Services/Finance) and a potential developer to review the financial elements and options for the Riverwalk development project.
- Continuing to research potential options to move forward on the Capital Square RDA/HTRZ project area.
- Along with our interim police chief, met with Newgate Mall management regarding space opportunities, recruitment efforts, small business support, and security collaboration. Mall staff will provide our economic development team with monthly space/recruitment updates going forward.
- Met with Williams International regarding their Ogden campus expansion plans and related infrastructure needs, and facilitated a follow up meeting with Rocky Mountain Power to review needs and support feasibility.
- Supported city marketing staff with media coverage/communications for several key community events.
- Supporting the groundbreaking event today (Aug. 12) for United Way’s Nonprofit Connection Learning Campus.
- Preparing for a site visit on August 21 for Project Amelia (aircraft manufacturing company considering a new facility in Ogden), which will include potential sites at the Ogden Airport.
- Met to review logistics for upcoming *You Make Ogden* public engagement events. The next event (Aug. 28) will include a poster display with information related to Make Ogden, WonderBlock, 25th Street Concepts, Downtown Paid Parking, Union Station Neighborhood Concept, and General Plan development activities – along with city staff to answer questions and take feedback.
- Arranged for security updates at the historic Ogden Business Exchange building.
- Met to review concept plans for a potential new development on Washington Boulevard and prepare for a meeting with the project architect this week.
- Met with Planning and Legal to discuss potential modifications to improve logistics related to mixed-use zones.
- Transferred all active business loan files from Guffey Home Loans over to AmeriNational for ongoing servicing.
- Received and processed expense documentation for two business borrowers.
- Meeting this week with County and WSU staff to consider options for the Weber Block Secure Facility project.
- Meeting this week for activity updates with [47G](#) and the [Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity](#).
- Supporting a press conference this week (Aug. 15 at 9:00 am) featuring a panel of local and state clean energy stakeholders discussing Weber County’s methane landfill harvesting/mitigation pilot program with Ogden based [Onergy](#). The event is also a soft launch for the expanded methane harvesting that will be implemented at the county’s landfill/Inland Port area.
- Supporting the Suazo Center opening event at Zion Bank this week (Aug. 15 at 11:30 am).

Planning

- The Planning Commission met this week to consider several items. The Commission ...
 - Recommended approval of an encroachment permit for the [Goal Foundation](#) balcony at 2440 Washington Boulevard.
 - Approved a conditional use permit for the expansion of [Ocean Mart](#) at 1018 Washington Boulevard.
 - Approved a preliminary group dwelling for The Sycamore seven-unit group dwelling at 642 28th Street.
 - Continued a public hearing for a rezoning at 139 N. Wall Avenue to their September meeting. The rezoning would allow construction of two single-family homes and garages on the lot.
 - Found a residential facility at 2325 Madison Avenue was consistent with the General Plan.
 - Recommended approval of a zoning ordinance amendment that would limit new multiple-family dwellings in C-2 and C-3 zones.
 - Elected Rick Safest and Jeremy Shinoda as Commission chair and vice-chair respectively for the coming year.
- The next review of the Ogden River Master Plan is planned for the August 20 Council/RDA meeting.