

Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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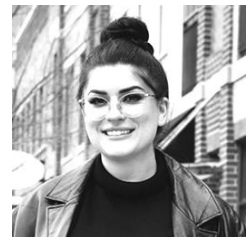
Weekly at-a-glance report from the Ogden City Community & Economic Development Department – prepared for city leaders and community stakeholders. Previous reports can be viewed at the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

Airport

- Airport personnel attended/completed a wildlife hazard training last week.
- Notified airport badge holders of an upcoming audit of all current airport security badges.
- Worked on finalizing a grant funding application for needed airport terminal updates and additions.
- Currently finalizing a grant funding application to support needed snow removal equipment.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Facilitated another successful Ogden Twilight Concert Series at the Ogden Amphitheater on August 14, with performances by *St. Vincent*, *Earthater*, and *Daytime Lover*.
- Hosted the Enable Utah Concert at the Ogden Amphitheater on August 17 with *Diamond Rio*.
- This Friday (August 23), Ogden Twilight will be welcoming the [Alvvays](#) and [The Beths](#).
- We had a great turn out for “Tunes at Noon” programming at the Dumke Arts Plaza, hosted by Onstage Ogden.
- Hosted the Utah Cut Flower Farm Association’s 3rd annual Utah Flower Day (August 17) at Union Station.
- Hosted the RAMP Free Summer Saturday (August 17) at Union Station.
- Ogden City’s Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer (*photo right*) was awarded a \$50,000 fellowship from the Academy of American Poets. She and the other 2024 recipients of the fellowship will be sent to Washington, D.C. by the Academy of American Poets to take part in the National Book Festival at the Library of Congress later this month.
- The nominations for the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts are in the approval process by the Mayor.
- Our Community Art Show “Animals” is open until August 23 in the Gallery at the Station.
- The Community Art Show “Street Art” will open on September 6, during the First Friday Art Stroll.
- The artist call for our Community Art Show, “Ogden Begins Here,” will open August 19 for a show that will open November 1.
- The exhibit, “Transcendence,” by local artist [Noelle Perry](#) is on display at the Station’s Myra Powell Gallery now through Sep. 28.
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is currently open through September.
- We are working with [Ogden Downtown Alliance](#) on the logistics for the annual [Harvest Moon](#) event, coming up on Sept. 21.
- Met with the NuHope task force. We will be hosting the NuHope Walk at the Ogden Amphitheater September 21 in conjunction with the kickoff of the Harvest Moon Festival. The NuHope Walk will start at 10:00 am in the Ogden Amphitheater. See <https://nuhopeutah.org/walk> for more information.
- Presented a proposed new Museums at Unions Station Collection Policy to administration for review/feedback, and planning a review with the Union Station Campus advisory committee within the next few weeks.
- Reviewed plans/needs relative to supporting large public art projects with administration, including collaboration needs with other city departments/divisions.



Community Development

- 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 the permit process is underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - New construction of home at 2809 Jackson is ongoing. Exterior painting is now complete and landscaping will begin shortly.

- 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](#)
 - Today (Monday, August 19), Henry Walker Homes has offered to open one of the completed townhomes to tour at 550 24th Street, anytime between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.
- Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove. 2343 Quincy Avenue framing complete (*photo right*). 2321 Quincy Avenue foundation complete.
- 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); 21 applications received; 10 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 11 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25), with 5 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 Project Skyhawk, a satellite technology company considering Ogden for a full company relocation.
- Met with Zu Audio, an Ogden company that manufactures high-end loudspeakers and audio cables. The company is expanding into a facility at 3750 Airport Road, which was previously home to other Ogden-based audio pioneers – Spectra Sonics and Kimber Kable.
- Hosting a site visit for Project Amelia this week (August 21), an aircraft manufacturing company considering a new facility in Ogden, including potential sites at the Ogden Airport.
- Preparing for the next *You Make Ogden* public engagement event on August 28 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Union Station. This event 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 receive feedback.
- Met with the architect for a potential new development on Washington Boulevard and provided concept feedback.
- Communicated with County and WSU staff regarding options to consider for the Weber Block Secure Facility project.
- Meet last week and shared activity updates with [47G](#) and the [Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity](#).
- Collaborating with 47G; participated in the organization’s quarterly Board of Governors meeting and are joining this week’s Project Alta trip to meet with eVTOL companies in California to promote Ogden development opportunities.
- Supported the Suazo Business Center ribbon-cutting opening event at their new location in the downtown Zion Bank facility (Aug. 15). We congratulate Suazo Business Center on their new location and look forward to continued partnering to provide entrepreneurs with training and technical assistance.
- Completed expense documentation for one business loan and completed one business loan modification to extend the HUD due date requirements.
- Business Information Center staff facilitated an information table at the Night Against Crime event along with our Community Development team to provide information about our city’s business loan programs.
- Facilitated the monthly RDA project staff meeting and reviewed various key projects with administration.
- Participated in WonderBlock construction project meeting and 24th Street Interchange planning/design team discussions.
- Working on due diligence items for Union Station, including civil survey, title work, and environmental assessment.
- Working with GSA to finalize preservation easement for the Forest Service Building.
- Posting job opportunities for three key positions, including: Deputy Director of Economic Development, Business Recruitment Manager, and Redevelopment Coordinator.

Planning

- Plan Ogden
 - Planning met with about 15 representatives of nonprofit organizations to discuss the general plan update. We received great feedback on needs and visions from a variety of community members.
 - We held a work session in the West Ogden neighborhood. We held a mapping exercise to get feedback on desires for the future of the community.
 - We had a meeting with the plan advisory committee. We reviewed results from the June workshop mapping exercises and began to form the three scenarios that the community will review in October.
- 24th Street Interchange Plan
 - Staff met with UDOT planners to discuss local road routing near the proposed new interchange.