

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

- Commercial flight service passenger counts have been trending up the last couple months.
 - Book your flight from Ogden to Orange County California at flybreeze.com.
- Held final interviews for potential new Airport Director.
- Along with airport stakeholders, met with Cornerstone Aviation and reviewed their operations and procedures.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Our Ogden Twilight Concert Series had a great turn-out for the *Alvvays* and *The Beths* on Friday (Aug. 23).
- The Megan Geckler installation at the Dumke Art Plaza is currently open through September. Megan will be back in Ogden and hosting an artist lecture at WSU on September 4 at 6:00 pm at the Kimball Visual Arts Center (*event flyer shown at right*).
- The nominations for the Mayor's Awards in the Arts were approved by the Mayor last week, and the event planning and honoree video creation will now begin.
- The Community Art Show "Street Art" will open at the Station on September 6, during the First Friday Art Stroll.
- The artist call for our Community Art Show, "Ogden Begins Here," is now open for a show that will open November 1. This artist call was highlighted in a Standard Examiner article – [Art Showcasing Ogden sought as Union Station prepares for centennial celebration](#).
- The exhibit, "Transcendence," by local artist [Noelle Perry](#) is on display at the Station's Myra Powell Gallery now through September 28.
- We are working with [Ogden Downtown Alliance](#) on the logistics for the annual [Harvest Moon](#) event, coming up on September 21.
- We held a successful RAMP Summer Saturday for families and children to teach them about jobs at a train station. 98 individuals learned about ticket clerks, baggage porters, telegraphers, newspaper cafe operators, and more jobs that were at Union Station in 1924.
- We will be holding a public engagement session to discuss the possible futures of DRGW #223, our disassembled steam engine. The session will be held on September 24 at 6:00 pm in Union Station's Gallery 51.
- We hosted the Utah Historical Society's History Happy Hour where they participated in Utah trivia and learned more about the new Museum of Utah opening on Capitol Hill in 2026.
- Finalized logistics for our Centennial Roaring Twenties event coming up on September 14, including the completion of the event marketing materials (*see poster at right*).
- Hosted Chief Young's retirement party and our CED department ice cream social.
- Hosted five additional private events and a Union Station field trip.



Building Services

- Our team worked with YCC staff to help the organization obtain a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for their new transitional housing facility. We are excited for this great addition to our community.

- Building D of the *WonderBlock* project has been issued a building permit and construction will begin shortly. This building will be mixed use and include 170 apartment units.
- The dangerous building at 1636 Washington Boulevard (former Kosmos Burger building) has now been demolished and we are currently in the process of completing the required site inspections.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th Street construction is complete and is listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
 - 2329 Quincy is under construction. 2823 Eccles renovation bid process is complete and the permit process is underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction of the home at 2809 Jackson is ongoing and nearing completion, with landscaping to 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](#). To date, 15 townhomes have been sold or are under contract.
 - Construction has begun on two new homes at Sycamore Cove.
 - 2343 Quincy Avenue framing complete. 2321 Quincy Avenue framing is underway.
 - Exterior finishes are ongoing on the first section for new LITC Housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (Q25).
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 7 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 25 applications received; 11 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 12 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25), with 5 more being processed. 24 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.
- YCC held a ribbon-cutting event for their new 14-unit transitional housing that is opening at 2261 Adams Avenue (*photo right*).
- Our team initiated a priority needs survey to facilitate a needs assessment to drive our new 5-year ConPlan.
 - Public Outreach events for the survey included:
 - Second Baptist Church first time homebuyer event, National Night Out, and Ben Lomond High School Back to School Evening.
- Completed the Consolidated Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and opened a 15-day public comment period.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Hosted a successful site visit with [EDCUtah](#) for Project Amelia, an aerospace business considering locating at the Ogden Airport.
- Participated in a [47G](#) trip to California to meet with Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) companies and discuss [Project ALTA](#), 47G’s initiative to develop an AAM ecosystem in Utah – which we believe should include Ogden.
- Presented information to the RDA regarding the Nine Rails Arts Programming proposal.
- Met with redevelopment project team to review overall project activities.
- Continuing due diligence work for the Union Station campus development (civil survey, title work, environmental assessment).
- Reviewed updated environmental assessment for the planned Wall Avenue development with our environmental firm.
- Met with Riverwalk Phase 3 developers and discussed potential LTDA agreement and timeline.
- Met with J. Fisher Companies leadership regarding project updates/needs and status of the ENA Amendment for Union Station.
- Met with a developer interested in developing flex industrial space in Ogden.
- Visited/toured the new [Chromalox](#) plant – a major employer for our area.
- Participated in the Visit Ogden Destination Stewardship Plan Focus Group.
- Presented a Union Station campus development update to our administration team – including discussions regarding timelines, needed activities/projects, and capital needs.
- Supported the Ogden TOD meeting with state agency leaders to promote support for Union Station campus development.
- Represented Ogden City at the [TCG Worldwide Leadership Review/Prep](#) event at the conference center.
- Supporting the next *You Make Ogden* public engagement event this Wednesday (Aug. 28) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Union Station.
 - This month’s event will include a poster display with staff support regarding our ongoing development activities.
- Our team is meeting this week with three potential developers to consider the feasibility of their projects in the Adams CRA.
- We are meeting this week with [EDCUtah](#) to review our recently completed annual business survey results.
- We are presenting the paid parking plan to the Ogden Rotary Club this week.

Planning

- Presented the proposed Ogden River Bend Redevelopment Master Plan update to the City Council/RDA, and it was approved.
- Meetings planned this week to discuss the potential Midland Drive area annexation and the 18th and Wall development project.