

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

- Facilitated a well-attended open house event for our new airport director, Brian Condie (*photo right*). [Standard Examiner article: "Aviation management veteran..."](#)
- Supported the historic B-29 arrival/tour/ride activities at the airport. [KSL article: "Restored WWII-era B-29 makes stop in Ogden"](#)
- Conducting our tri-annual emergency airport live training on Tuesday (Oct.1).



Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Weber State University put together an awesome video for their educators on the importance of public art and the murals here in Ogden. Check out the [video here!](#)
- The Megan Geckler installation at Dumke Art Plaza has been extended to display until the Oct. 11 Dumke Foundation board visit.
- Community Art Show "Street Art" has been installed in the Union Station Lobby and will be on display through Oct. 11.
- Hosting [Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music](#) (OFOAM) at the Ogden Amphitheater as they present [Dia De Los Muertos](#) on Oct. 12.
- A new artist call for the "Ogden Begins Here" show is open for submissions until Oct. 7. The show will open Nov. 8.
- Our ACE team is working on the logistics for the Mayor's Awards in the Arts event, coming up on Nov. 7.
- Our ACE team is also working on preparations for this year's Holiday Electric Light Parade (Nov. 30).
 - Applications for the Parade go live this week (Oct. 1) at <https://www.ogdencity.com/2616/Parade-Entry-Application-Info>.
 - 110 Parade volunteers are needed – please volunteer at <https://www.ogdencity.com/2615/Volunteer-Information>.
- The new arts grant cycle plan for FY 2025-26 is currently in the works; cycle dates will potentially be as follows.
 - Application cycle opens: November 1, 2024. Application cycle closes: December 13, 2024.
- Facilitated the DRGW #223 (historic steam engine) public open house discussion/survey night (Sep. 24). There were 22 attendees from across the Western US that submitted survey responses and participated in a lively discussion about the #223's future.
- Hosted the Union Station #DONE event Saturday (Sep. 28), with children/families learning about the completion of our building's exterior and doing fun, hands-on building modeling activities. The free activity was part of our Union Station Centennial events.
- Creating a Black History Month exhibit with support from local community members.
- Finalizing logistics for our annual Dia de los Muertos event taking place on October 26. This event is a free family community event celebrating loved ones passed. Featuring a car show, vendors, community altar, family altar exhibit, food, and music.
- Planning a National History Day student event (Oct. 29) for students from Ogden High School to learn about local history topics.
- Completing marketing materials for our upcoming First Ticket Sold centennial event and our big 100-Year centennial event.
- Completed Union Station south end restroom repairs, building sensor upgrades and repairs, and pressure vessel inspection (which noted the cleanliness and upkeep of our boiler and surrounding area).
- Hosted the IRS employee appreciation vendor fair, You Make Ogden open house, three private events, and three field trips.

Building Services

- Our Code Services team participated in cross training with our Permitting colleagues.
- We are working on creating a comprehensive map of all vacant properties throughout the city.
- We are preparing to support My Hometown Ogden for the upcoming day of service.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th is complete and is listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#). 2329 Quincy and 2823 Eccles are under construction.

- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction of the new home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is complete and it is listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
 - The third phase of the Towns at 24th units are complete and being sold, with additional development phases in different stages of completion: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
 - Construction is underway on the first two new homes at Sycamore Cove.
 - 2343 Quincy exterior finishes and painting are complete and interior finishes underway (*photo right*). 2321 Quincy roofing is underway.
 - Exterior finishes are ongoing on first section of LIHTC Housing at 25th and Quincy and the final section of framing is nearing completion.
 - Exterior finishes for Ogden Housing Authority supportive housing for homeless is nearing completion at 31st and Lincoln.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 10 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 28 applications received; 10 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 22 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25), with 2 more being processed. 30 applications have been received.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 10 grants have been received 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. 2 households have been reapproved for a second year.
- Emergency Home Repair Program: 2 applications have been received so far in FY25 and are being processed.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Published an RFP for the redevelopment and renovation of the Exchange Building.
- Held a preproposal meeting and building tour for the potential redevelopment of the historic Forest Service Building.
- Attended the Ogden-Weber Chamber’s Women Empowered Conference and hosted a booth featuring our Business Information Center and its business resources.
- Attended the annual NAIOPOLY event and connected with development and real estate contacts.
- Participated in a site visit for Ogden School District’s community center, under development at the former Madison Elementary; the center will provide great resources for OSD students, families, and community members with a focus on healthcare; adult education; early childhood education; and economic empowerment.
- Reviewed the Trackline CRA financials with finance and external stakeholders.
- Met with our RDA planning team and reviewed ongoing project activities.
- Facilitated the monthly “You Make Ogden” public engagement event – which focused this month on a review of the downtown parking plans and included significant feedback from some businesses and media coverage ([KSL article: “Ogden plans to shift to downtown paid parking...”](#); [KUTV story: “Ogden business owners...paid parking”](#)). Follow-up meetings are planned this week.
- Participated in candidate interviews for the new parking coordinator position.
- Met with the Union Station project development team to review next steps in the predevelopment process.
- Final preparations are underway for the purchase closing on the Union Station property.
- Participating in the Northern Utah Economic Development Partners Update meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 1).
- Preparing for a business resource presentation at the quarterly Newgate Mall tenant meeting on Oct. 10.

Planning

- Landmarks Commission
 - The Landmarks Commission met this week to discuss their work program for the year. Discussion topics included:
 - how to best get owners of deteriorating buildings to repair them;
 - adding the Marilyn Drive area as a historic district; and
 - using Ogden’s World War II Heritage City designation.
- Historic Buildings Preservation Class
 - Staff will be presenting a class on how to preserve historic buildings. The class will be held Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 pm at the My Hometown Ogden Community Resource Center, 555 24th Street.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
 - The board met this week to consider a setback variance at 895 W. Lake Street. The commission approved the variance, as it was needed due to a power line crossing the property.
- Wasatch Front Regional Council Funding Programs
 - Submitted letters-of-intent for two of WFRC’s funding programs, including
 - Transportation & Land Use Connection (for Ogden/Snowbasin transportation demand modeling, connection, market study)
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality / Carbon Reduction Program (for Ogden Express bus-rapid transit operational costs)