

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

- Our new Airport Director met last week with staff, airport consultants, Fire Chief, airport tenants, and key TSA and Choice Aviation staff. He also met several times with the FAA tower project team to support the new tower project moving forward.
- Airport staff reviewed our primary compliance documents to assess the status of the airport compliance program.
- The recent historic B-29 visit was a large success and showed how well the airport community, airport staff, and Ogden City work together to create events that attract area visitors and to showcase our airport.
 - The event brought a lot of excitement to the aviation community, as well as attending adults and children.
 - Special thanks to ORAA and other volunteers for the assistance in facilitating the many visitors.
- We expect to begin the remodel of the airport terminal within the next month.
 - The remodeling will limit access to the terminal (access limited to rear of terminal), and we ask everyone to make an extra effort to support [The Bickering Sisters Restaurant](#) during this time.
- The airport conducted a triennial emergency exercise last week (Oct. 1). The independent evaluators gave us all positive feedback. We appreciate the volunteers and personnel that assisted in this exercise.
- We successfully completed our airport badging audit last week and appreciate all that participated.
- We are looking for old photos of the airport, specifically any pictures that show the current tower when it was built. Please forward any photos to adamnelson@ogdencity.com or stop by the airport office and we can photocopy them.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Helped to facilitate the First Friday Art Stroll on Friday (*photo right of live production at Dumke Art Plaza with the Megan Geckler installation as backdrop*).
- The “Street Art” show is displayed in the Union Station Lobby through Oct. 11.
- Hosting [Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music](#) (OFOAM) at the Ogden Amphitheater as they present [Dia De Los Muertos](#) on Oct. 12.
- The Mayor’s Awards in the Arts event is coming up on Nov. 7.
- This year’s Holiday Electric Light Parade is on Nov. 30 and applications are at: <https://www.ogdencity.com/2616/Parade-Entry-Application-Info>.
 - Please volunteer to support the parade at <https://www.ogdencity.com/2615/Volunteer-Information>.
- Our annual Dia de los Muertos event will take place on Oct. 26. The free family community event celebrates passed loved ones.
- We are planning a National History Day event (Oct. 29) for Ogden High School students to learn about local history topics.
- Opened the Second Annual Teacher Art Show at last week’s First Friday Art Stroll.
 - The show features works from art teacher faculty from Ogden and Weber School Districts, highlighting each artist’s unique style and provides their biographies for guests to learn more about the talented individuals instructing tomorrow’s artists.
- Hosted Utah Arts and Museums’ emergency preparedness training for museum collections. 20-plus museum professionals from around the state spent the day learning about risk management and mitigation, including hands-on demonstrations of dealing with floods damaging museum collections from artwork to taxidermy.
- Working on new interpretive signage for the Browning Kimball Car Museum.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#). Construction of 2329 Quincy and 2823 Eccles is progressing.

- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - New home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is now listed for sale: [Listing on UtahRealEstate.com](#)
 - The third phase of the Towns at 24th units are complete and being sold. [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
 - Two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2343 Quincy exterior is complete and interior finishes underway. 2321 Quincy roofing is underway.
 - Exterior finishes ongoing on first section of LIHTC housing at 25th/Quincy and 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

- Closed on the purchase of the Union Station land from Union Pacific and continued work on predevelopment items, including a plan for environmental assessment on the UTA property.
- Development in process of a Union Station campus promotional document to assist with upcoming support requests.
- Working on logistics/schedules related to setting up a Union Station campus stakeholder follow-up meeting.
- Presented the *WonderBlock* bond interest budget amendment and the amended LTDA to the RDA for consideration (adopted).
- Presented the Adams CRA arts programming budget amendment to the RDA for consideration (not adopted).
- Attended Northern Utah Economic Alliance’s (NUEA) quarterly economic development update.
- Participated in a walkthrough of the Junction Parking Garages to review overall conditions and potential needs.
- Developed/provided a paid parking public/business feedback and solutions report to administration for consideration.
- Working on additional information for Project Amelia, an aviation company considering locating at the [Ogden Airport](#).
- Held interviews for our three open Economic Development positions.
- Prepared and routed three business technical assistance agreement amendments to extend term and increase contract amount.
- Met with three business owners to discuss the city loan programs and continued work on loan modifications for two borrowers.
- Completed loan job creation documentation requirements for two borrowers and processed a draw request for one borrower.
- Several team members were able to proudly witness our city’s awesome citizenship event in council chambers last week.
 - See team member [Meg Sanders' Standard Examiner editorial about becoming a U.S. citizen in Ogden](#)
- The historic [Forest Service Building redevelopment RFP](#) closes this week (Oct. 10).
- Facilitating a preproposal meeting and building tour this week for the potential redevelopment [RFP for the Exchange Building](#).
- Presenting this week (Oct. 7) in the County Commissioner’s work-session regarding support for our Airport CRA.
- The [Lotus Riverwalk](#) grand opening event is this Wednesday (Oct. 9) from 4:00 – 6:00.
- We are helping to host the [Utah Alliance for Economic Development](#) meeting this week (Oct. 9-10) in Ogden, including staff participation in a panel discussion on *WonderBlock*, 25th Street and overall downtown Ogden development.
- Presenting a business resource presentation at the quarterly [Newgate Mall](#) tenant meeting this week (Oct. 10).

Planning

- Planning Commission – met last week to consider several items and they:
 - Approved three conditional use permits for a hardware store expansion, a parking lot expansion, and outdoor kennels at an animal treatment location.
 - Approved the final group dwelling for The Sycamore on 28th.
 - Tabled consideration of a PRUD amendment for Sunset Ridge to allow consideration of provision of additional amenities.
 - Tabled consideration of a zone change at 2869 Grant Avenue to request a conditional overlay.
- [Historic Buildings Preservation Class](#)
 - Our Planner Haylie Hale and Jansen Bennett from Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) presented the first part of a community class on how to preserve historic homes. The class focused on preserving (and not painting) brick.
 - We will present the second half of the class on Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm at the [My Hometown Ogden Community Resource Center](#), 555 24th Street. This class will focus on windows and doors.
- [Plan Ogden](#)
 - Held a work session with the general plan advisory committee to review materials for the upcoming [October 23 Scenarios Workshop](#). The committee reviewed three future growth scenarios that capture major themes from the public input that has been collected thus far via numerous public engagement activities.