

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

- Provided information to our economic development team on the feasibility of a potential new business project at the airport.
- Working on the logistics related to the upcoming airport terminal improvements.
- Looking for old photos of the airport; specifically, any pictures that show the current tower when it was built.
 - Please email a copy of any photos to adammnelson@ogdencity.com.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- The Teacher Art Show is now on display at the Station and features works from Ogden and Weber Schools art teacher faculty.
- The Ogden City Arts Advisory Committee meeting was held last week (Oct 8).
- Hosted the WSU continuing education conference (Oct. 8), which included a mural art walk throughout downtown.
- Hosted [Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music](#) (OFOAM) at the Ogden Amphitheater for their presentation of Dia De Los Muertos.
- An artist call for art wrapped utility boxes was released Oct. 11.
 - Boxes in the Nine-Rails creative district and along Monroe Blvd. will be wrapped with art created by community artists.
- Hosted a mural art tour and meeting last week (Oct. 11) at the Dumke Arts Plaza for the Dumke Foundation.
- Our annual Dia de los Muertos event will take place on Oct. 26. The free family community event celebrates previous loved ones.
- We are planning a National History Day event (Oct. 29) for Ogden High School students to learn about local history topics.
- The new Arts Grant cycle will open Nov. 1 and close Dec. 13. An online prep workshop will be at 12:00 and 6:00 pm on Nov. 12.
- The Mayor's Awards in the Arts event is coming up on Nov. 7.
- The new "Ogden Begins Here" show will be open at the Station on Nov. 8.
- This year's Holiday Electric Light Parade is on Nov. 30 and applications are at: [Parade-Entry-Application-Info](#). Please volunteer to support the parade at [Volunteer-Information](#).

Building Services

- As part of their continuing education, our Building Inspectors attended multiple training courses from the Utah Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and the Independent Alliance of the Electrical Industry.
- Our Code Services and Permitting groups are continuing cross training through periodic shadowing and ride-along activities to improve our knowledge base and customer service support.
- WonderBlock buildings A, B and C have been approved and will be permitted shortly. These will be mixed-use buildings, including 186 new residential units.
- We worked with My Hometown to help prepare for their upcoming day of service.
- We had a pickup of the donation bin for RadHero.
- We welcomed Tyler Andrews back from his previous injury.

Community Development

- Developed a housing renovation/resale program expansion model and provided to administration for consideration.
- Met with CED team and external specialist to review our city's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) history and how such programs may impact our housing strategies moving forward.
- Met with an east-central property owner and administration to review potential options for property use/area improvements.
- Citizen Participation Plan – we will present this week at a city council public hearing the 2026-2030 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for adoption consideration – which outlines how the city will engage/involve the public in the HUD planning process.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Participated in the [Lotus Riverwalk](#) grand opening activity, including remarks from our CED executive director, Jared Johnson.
- Presented a business resource presentation at the quarterly [Newgate Mall](#) tenant meeting.
- Presented on the Airport CRA at a Weber County Commission work session. Working on associated follow-up.
- Reviewed business recruitment prospects for the Ogden airport with our airport director and provided additional information for Project Amelia, an aircraft manufacturer considering the Ogden airport for a major new facility.
- Hosted a tour of the historic Forest Service Building for the city council and we are currently reviewing proposals submitted for the redevelopment of the building.
- Held an RFP preproposal meeting for potential developers for the historic Exchange Building; proposals are due Oct. 24.
- Supported the [Utah Alliance for Economic Development](#) quarterly meeting in Ogden, with CED staff serving on two panels about Ogden development activities (*photo right*) and city council member, Marsha White, providing a community welcome.
- Participated in a Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) fam tour introducing three site selection consultants to northern Utah.
- Met with our RDA staff committee and reviewed various projects and needed actions.
- Met with the developer for a potential Wall Avenue RDA project.
- Met with our Planning team to discuss the logistics for the new "You Make Ogden" open house on Oct. 23 – which will feature our General Plan activities.
- Met with Newgate Mall management and Planning regarding our General Plan public engagement activities.
- Met with our internal parking steering committee and reviewed recent activities and next steps forward. We are planning to review project activities with our parking consultant this week (Oct. 14).
- Met with a small entrepreneur cohort at the Weber State University Community Education Center to talk about the Ogden City business loan and technical assistance programs.
- Met with a small community bank to discuss possible future collaborations.
- Met with the city's new grant writer to consider potential opportunities and process going forward.
- Met with the finance team regarding our upcoming General Fund Comprehensive Financial Sustainability Plan.
- Continued work on Union Station predevelopment items, including a plan for environmental assessment on the UTA property.
- Meeting this week to review the Union Station Museum design firm budget and potential steps forward.
- Working on 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.
- We received one new business loan application, and continued work on two business loan modification requests and expense documentation for two borrowers.
- Meeting with the Forest Service Building RFP review committee this week to review the submitted proposals.
- Participating in and supporting the [Chamber of Commerce's Crossroads Business Expo and Crosstalks](#) event this week (Oct. 15) at Union Station.
- The second round of interviews for several open economic development team positions are this week.
- A professional film crew will be filming on 25th Street this week (through Oct. 17) and staging in the north Union Station lot.
- The CED department's fall get-together is scheduled for this Wednesday.



Planning

- Limiting New Multi-Family Dwellings in Specific Commercial Zones
 - We will present a report to the city council this week (Oct. 15) that proposes an ordinance to limit new multi-family dwellings in the C-2/CP-2 and C-3/CP-3 zones to preserve limited prime commercial areas for future commercial development needs.
- [Historic Buildings Preservation Class](#)
 - We will present another class on Historic Buildings Preservation this week (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](#)
 - The next step on our Plan Ogden general plan project is our [Visioning/Growth Scenarios Workshop](#), coming up on October 23 at Union Station, starting at 5:30 pm. Everyone, including city employees, is invited to participate in the activity.