

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

- A team including representatives from our City, County and State participated in the National Business Aircraft Association convention and met with several aviation companies interested in the Ogden area.
- Our new Airport Director continued to meet with various city department and division staff, as well as with city leadership regarding priority tasks and next steps forward.
- Met with the FAA capital improvement group to finalize our new air traffic control tower project that will start early next year.
- Book flights to southern California via flybreeze.com!

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Hosted our 6th annual Dia De Los Muertos event!
 - Thank you to the Union Station team and our partners Cultura and Craft for all their hard work in executing another successful annual community event!
- Hosted Community and Economic Development's "Plan Ogden" meeting at Union Station, as well as three additional private events.
- Met with the Union Station Centennial Committee and provided event updates.
- Planning a National History Day event on Oct. 29 for Ogden High School students.
- Preparing for the [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) event, coming up on Nov. 7.
- The new "Ogden Begins Here" show will be open at Union Station on Nov. 8.
- Submissions for the artist call for art wrapped utility boxes in the [Nine-Rails Creative District](#) are due Nov. 15.
- 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.
- Union Station's First Ticket Sold Centennial event is on Nov. 15, and our big 100-year Centennial Celebration is Nov. 22-23.
- Our City's annual Holiday Electric Light Parade is on Nov. 30 and entry applications are at: [Parade-Entry-Application-Info](#).
 - Please volunteer to support the parade at [Volunteer-Information](#).
- Gathering information needed for the Union Station staffing study.
- Preparing for our upcoming annual volunteer recognition luncheon.
- Planning facility projects for our annual cleaning and maintenance shut down, coming up in January.



Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#). Construction of 2329 Quincy and 2823 Eccles is ongoing.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - New home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
 - The exterior finishes of the final phase of the Towns at 24th units are underway. Waterwise landscaping is being completed. Sales of completed units is continuing. [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
 - Two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2343 Quincy exterior is complete and interior finishes are underway.
 - 2321 Quincy roofing is complete and exterior siding is underway (photo right).



- Exterior finishes are ongoing on the first section of LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
- Exterior finishes for Ogden Housing Authority permanent supportive housing for homeless at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue are complete and interior finishes are nearing completion.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 16 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 33 applications received; 4 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 22 loans have been approved since July 1 (FY25).
- [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 (TBRA): 73 housed (34 adults, 39 children). 2 households have been reapproved for a second year. Ogden’s TBRA program has reached its annual limit and is no longer accepting applications.
- Emergency Home Repair Program: 2 applications have been received so far in FY25 and are being processed.
- Met with administration regarding options related to our 5-Year ConPlan Strategy.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Attended the NBAA Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition with Ogden City team, Weber County team, and Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity staff (*photo right*).
 - We explored business aviation opportunities for the Ogden Airport and were introduced to several Advanced Air Mobility companies.
- Participated in 47G’s Zero Gravity Summit – which included a review of the latest advanced aerospace and defense industry trends and business strategies.
- Met with Visit Ogden and OECC to continue planning for the Ogden 2026 Sustainment Summit in support of Hill AFB and its prime contractors.
- Continued to provide additional information for Project Amelia, an aircraft manufacturer considering the Ogden Airport.
- Participated in the Ogden Downtown Alliance quarterly meeting (Oct. 23) which featured a presentation on Plan Ogden.
- Met with our internal parking steering committee and reviewed next steps forward.
- Met with two potential business loan borrowers, received a loan modification request for one borrower, continued work on a new business loan application, and negotiated an arrangement for a default account.
- Completed one business technical assistance agreement modification to extend the term and increase the amount.
- Confirmed AmeriNational transfer of loan portfolio starting on Nov. 1.
- Facilitating a site visit today (Oct. 28) featuring our airport and Union Station for an advanced air mobility company, in conjunction with 47G and the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Meeting this week with firms that submitted restoration/redevelopment proposals for the Forest Service Building RFP.



Planning

- Plan Ogden
 - We had a very successful scenario workshop last Wednesday at Union Station, with about 200 citizens providing input (*photo right*).
 - Workshop was a follow up to workshops held earlier this year where we gathered ideas on possible growth patterns for Ogden.
 - We condensed those ideas into three possible growth scenarios and sought feedback on each scenario.
 - We also held the same workshop for Spanish speakers on Thursday at the County Library and gained valuable input.
 - Additionally, Saturday we attended the Dia de los Muertos festival at Union Station to gain additional feedback.
 - We will analyze the feedback we received from the workshops and present a possible future vision in a workshop in January.
- Landmarks Commission
 - Met to consider three minor changes to historic homes and two signs on historic buildings. All were approved.
- World War II Heritage City
 - The National Park Service (NPS) recently announced that Ogden has been designated a World War II Heritage City! Only one city in each state can receive this designation. We had a virtual meeting with the NPS to learn about the designation and opportunities to use the official logos. We heard stories of how other cities are using this designation. We also learned of a possible grant opportunity from the National World War II Museum to help tell our World War II heritage story.
- Possible Marilyn Drive Historic District
 - We will be holding a public meeting on Nov. 21 at 6:00 pm at Polk Elementary to find out if residents and property owners in the Marilyn Drive area would like the area designated as a National and/or Local Historic District.
 - The area was largely developed in the 1920’s to 1950’s as an affluent single-family neighborhood, was home to many prominent Ogden residents, and includes a variety of interesting architectural designs.
 - The City did a reconnaissance survey of the area in 2022 and found that it was eligible as a national historic district.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
 - Met last week to consider one variance. The board granted a variance to side yard setbacks for a narrow lot at 548 2nd St.

