

# 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

- Finalizing new commercial operator lease agreements for a December start date.
- Working with consultants on updating the airport primary guiding documents to current aviation best practices.
- Entire airport staff received certifications from the American Association of Airport Executives for attending the four-day Airport Safety and Operations Specialist training course.
- Participated in the County economic development meeting regarding opportunities at the airport.

#### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

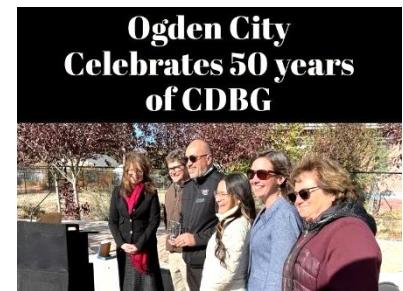
- Hosted the Mayor's Awards in the Arts event last week at Union Station (*photo right*).
  - [Award honoree info/videos/pictures at this link](#)
- The "Ogden Begins Here" Community Art show opened at Union Station last week (Nov. 8).
- Submissions for the artist call for art wrapped utility boxes in the [Nine-Rails Creative District](#) are due Nov. 15.
- Design review for the Marshall White Center public art project will occur Nov. 18.
- Union Station's First Ticket Sold Centennial event is this week (Nov. 15).
- Our big 100-year Centennial Celebration is Nov. 22-23. [Read about event plans here](#).
  - Working with 25-plus community groups to add items to the Union Station time capsule to be placed on Nov. 22. See article at: ["Community invited to send a message to the future as new Union Station time capsule takes shape"](#)
- 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](#).
- The Arts Grant Cycle is now open for applications that are due by Dec. 13. An arts grant writing workshop will be provided via Zoom today (Nov. 12) at 12:00 and 6:00 pm for prospective applicants.
- Our Museum Administrator, Hope Eggett, wrote a research article as part of our Station's centennial celebration – "[Ogden Union Station at One Hundred: Opportunities and Impacts](#)" – which has now been published in the *Utah Historical Quarterly*.



#### 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:
  - Our new home at 2809 Jackson Ave. is now listed for sale (with significant price reduction): [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
  - Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) units are underway. All completed units have been sold.
  - Our two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
    - 2343 Quincy exterior is nearly complete. To be listed for sale this month.
    - 2321 Quincy siding is being completed and interior work is progressing.
  - 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](#): 17 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 40 applications received; 8 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 22 loans approved since July (FY25). Only funds for sewer/water utility line repairs remain.
- [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.
- The 50-year CDBG recognition event was held in SLC last week to commemorate accomplishments made possible with federal funded programs (*team photo right*).
  - Noted CDBG impacts in Ogden: \$14M in housing rehab and new housing construction support, \$4.3M in public improvements, \$10.2M in economic growth stimulation.



## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Our previous recruitment project, [Blue Diamond Industries, has now started production](#) activities at their new Ogden facility (*photo right*).
- Presented to the Ogden School District Board of Education and Administration an overview of the Ogden City Redevelopment Agency (RDA) mission, values, and focus areas; economic benefits to taxing entities; and an update on recent RDA activities.
- Prepared preliminary amended draft of an updated Adams CRA budget, incorporating additional project investments and taxing entity participation levels.
- Met with our Request For Proposals selection committees for the Forest Service Building and the Exchange Building.
- Working with partners on follow-up to the recently attended NBAA trade show, including outreach to several companies.
- Met with a developer to discuss potential sites for an automotive service center location in Ogden.
- Participated in the [ribbon-cutting event](#) for the new Empyre Barbershop at 2438 Washington Boulevard.
- “Scrambled” is now open for breakfast and lunch at 1241 Washington Boulevard.
- Met with an entrepreneur to discuss the steps to create a new business in Ogden City.
- Attended a networking event with the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- Completed expense documentation and HUD requirements for one business loan.
- Scheduled the next business loan committee meeting for Dec. 3 to review one new loan and one proposed loan modification.
- Attended the CDBG 50 Year Celebration in Salt Lake City and received recognition for our Technical Assistance Plan for businesses.
- Helped facilitate the Parking Stakeholder internal kick-off meeting.
- Met with downtown hotel regarding business operations and our parking agreement.
- Along with Planning and Engineering, met with Patriot Rail regarding plans for their Pennsylvania Avenue site and potential area transportation considerations.
- Met with Riverdale City staff regarding potential development that may cross city limits.
- Helped facilitate the Union Station development stakeholder meeting.
- Hosting a [Fall Open House for small business owners](#) at our Business Information Center (BIC) today (Nov. 12) from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Visited downtown businesses to drop off invitations to the BIC Small Business Open House (*photo right*).



## Planning

- Planning Commission met last week and ...
  - Approved a condominium plat for the Morelli apartments at 155 9th Street.
  - Recommended approval of three rezoning petitions. All were applying for zones to allow for-sale townhome projects.
  - Approved a rooftop cell antenna on Adams Avenue.
  - Gave final group dwelling approval to Somerset Villas at Chester townhome project.
  - Approved amendments to the Sunset Ridge planned development.
  - Recommended approval of changes to the Engineering standards.
- Zone Ogden Advisory Committee met last week and ...
  - Discussed the first draft of the residential zoning chapters, setbacks, lot sizes/widths, and reuse of commercial buildings in residential zones.