

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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**November 18, 2024**

## 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

- Happy to help facilitate the Weber State University football team's flight from/to the Ogden Airport last Friday/Saturday (*photo right*).
- Continuing to work on finalizing new commercial operator lease agreements for a December start date.



### Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Hosted Union Station's First Ticket Sold Centennial event last Friday.
- The "Ogden Begins Here" Community Art show is now open at Union Station.
- Design review for Marshall White Center public art project is this week (Nov. 18).
- Final [Union Station Centennial Events](#) are coming up this week (*flyer picture right*)!
  - Friday, November 22
    - 5:00 pm – our [2024 time capsule](#) will be filled live, then welded shut and placed back in the wall to be reopened in 2124.
    - 7:30 pm – [Chamber Orchestra Ogden](#) will perform "Union on 25th", a new orchestral piece written by Ogden resident, Alfonso Tenreiro (commissioned by the Ogden City for the Station's Centennial Celebration).
    - 8:30 pm – Open Sky Productions will present a custom drone show (outside) featuring 250 drones set to music above historic Union Station.
  - Saturday, November 23
    - 12:00–6:00 pm – 1920s-era music; viewing of the Union Station Centennial Exhibit: "The Heart of Ogden;" a photo booth; youth and family activities celebrating Union Station; and a drone show in the evening.
- The Corner Update:
  - Holiday hours 10:00 am–9:00 pm, Mon.–Sat. (Dec. 24 and 31, 4:00 pm closing); selling food, hot coco, and Ogden Merchandise.
  - Also open during Holiday Light Parade (Nov. 30), selling hot coco and treats!
- Holiday Electric Light Parade/Christmas Village Events – Nov. 30:
  - 60-plus parade floats registered (applications closed), and 120 volunteer positions filled (only need 3 more).
  - The Santa Run is at 4:30 pm, with the parade starting at 5:30 pm at 22nd St., moving south on Washington Blvd. to 27th St.
  - The Christmas Village Ceremony starts at 6:30 pm at Ogden Amphitheater, with fireworks and Village lights on at 6:45 pm.
- Christmas Village Stage at Ogden Amphitheater:
  - Performances are 6:00-8:00 pm every Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat. (total of 17 performance dates)
- The Arts Grant Cycle is now open for applications that are due by Dec. 13.



### Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#).
  - New windows installed and roof installed on home located at 2329 Quincy. Renovation is ongoing (*photo right*).
  - Renovation of home at 2823 Eccles is ongoing.



- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Our new home at 2809 Jackson Avenue is under contract and scheduled to close in 30 days. [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#)
  - Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) units are underway. All completed units have been sold. Final five homes to be listed by the end of the year.
  - Our two new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
    - 2343 Quincy exterior is nearly complete. To be listed for sale this month.
    - 2321 Quincy exterior painting is underway. Interior construction is underway
  - Exterior finishes are ongoing for 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); 42 applications received; 9 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.
- City Council reviewed FY’25 Annual Action Plan Amendment #1 (APP) to increase funding for Own in Ogden Program. November 13 started a 30-day public comment period, providing citizens the opportunity to comment on the city’s AAP #1.
- Staff met with the OgdenCAN Board of Directors to encourage stakeholder involvement in the development of a new 5-Year Consolidated Plan (HUD plan).
- Seager Memorial Clinic reported that at their October 26 Free Health Screen Day, 71 individuals received free immunizations, 111 people received services, and over 100 volunteers made the event possible.
- For the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan, staff met with the Weber Homeless Charitable Trust to provide information and encourage stakeholder participation.

### **Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center**

- Presented the Ogden Rivers Edge updated project LTDA at the City Council/RDA work session, which supports a multi-family residential and commercial development on the east side of Washington Boulevard near 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Presented the Forest Service Building project at the RDA work session, which considers the potential to purchase the building to support its historic renovation/reuse.
- Presented the Lotus development land exchange project review at the City Council/RDA work session which could facilitate development of additional housing in the Ogden River RDA project area.
- Presented a revised participation request for the Airport CRA to Weber County’s Economic Development Finance Committee.
- Working on an updated proposal for funding Nine Rails arts programming.
- Supporting the transition of Ogden Business Exchange common area responsibilities to the owners’ association for the area.
- Met with a long-term local manufacturing company to discuss their Ogden facility expansion plans and expected changes near the 24<sup>th</sup> Street/I-15 Interchange.
- Met with a local developer regarding a potential new mixed-use project in the northern portion of the city.
- Met with environmental agency representatives relative to additional activities/needs at the former Swift site.
- Met with a developer that is working on concepts for the capital square project area.
- Met with Suazo Business Center to discuss future technical assistance business training for new staff.
- Held our second (and well-attended) business open house event at the Business Information Center.
- Provided parking system background information to our engagement consultant to prepare for upcoming discussions.
- Met with our Union Station pre-development team to review various project updates.
- Met with our RDA project committee to review ongoing project activities/updates.
- Met with Finance to review the Continental CRA budget parameters.
- Meeting this week with team to outline HTRZ process elements.
- Supporting the Wall Avenue Corridor Plan kick-off meeting this week.
- Participating in the Visit Ogden annual meeting this week.
- The next business loan committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 3.

### **Planning**

- Presented a proposed zone change at 139 N. Wall Avenue to the City Council. The zone change would allow construction of a parking garage for the Fenway Fields townhouse development. The City Council approved the change.
- An open house to consider the creation of a Marilyn Dr. area historic district is Thursday (11/21) at 5:30 pm at Polk Elementary.
- An open house to discuss planning around the 24th Street interchange is scheduled Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal building.