

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

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) conducted a planned inspection to evaluate airport compliance with security regs.
- Construction for the terminal entrance project is scheduled to begin on January 6, 2025, and will run until October 15, 2025.
- Our Airport Director (Brian Condie) spoke as a guest speaker at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter meeting.
- Airport staff attended the ORAA aviation safety meeting, focusing on safety protocols and practices.
- Airport staff, in collaboration with Mead & Hunt engineers, revised our Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan project requests.

Arts, Culture, Events – Union Station

- Our Union Station Museums and ACE team totally rocked the Station's Centennial Celebration Friday/Saturday (*photos right*)! It was awesome!
 - Watch the [My Local Utah video about the Centennial](#) narrated by our Museum Administrator, Hope Eggett.
 - Check out [Fox 13 event preview video story "How 'welcoming spirit' inspired piece of Ogden's Union Station's 100th Anniversary Celebration"](#)
 - Watch the [entire Nov 22 Centennial Celebration](#) – time capsule and rededication ceremony, orchestra concert, dazzling drone show!
- The "Ogden Begins Here" Community Art show is now open at Union Station.
- In process of contracting with an engineering firm for the Kiesel Avenue public art project. Once completed a nationwide RFQ for the artist will be released.
- Design review for the Marshall White Center public art project occurred last week. Final designs are now being worked on for spring installation.
- Training was held for the subcommittee tasked with reviewing and scoring the arts grant applications that are in prep. for the review process.
- Submissions for the art wrapped Utility Boxes are currently being reviewed. 15 boxes will be wrapped with art by local artists.
- Dumke Plaza's newest sculpture installation, "Points of Transition" by Cordell Taylor is now up through April. Additionally, the plaza's LED screen is programmed from 5:00 pm with "Meditations," a collection of short films by Jordan Belson, curated by Tyrone Davies.
- 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 this Saturday (Nov. 30), selling hot coco and treats!
- Holiday Electric Light Parade/Christmas Village Events – THIS SATURDAY (Nov. 30):
 - Santa Run is at 4:30 pm, with the parade starting at 5:30 pm at 22nd St., moving south on Washington Boulevard to 27th Street.
 - 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 6:00-8:00 pm every Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat (17 performance dates).



Building Services

- Permitting has been working on updating our application process, as well as creating informational handouts for homeowners.
- Building Services has engaged with our Engineering division to simplify and improve the FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) inspection process.
- Code Services has continued cross training efforts with Permitting, including in-office and field observation.
- Code Officers conducted an abatement at a property to bring the property into compliance.
- Code Services attended the MARM with a property owner that had a structure fire last year in hopes to gain compliance.
- Code Officers are monitoring the demolition of the old movie theater at 151 12th Street that has now begun.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 450 30th is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#). Renovation of historic home at 2329 Quincy is ongoing (part of Sycamore Cove). 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 new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2343 Quincy Avenue construction is complete and [now listed for sale](#) (photo right).
 - 2321 Quincy Avenue exterior painting is underway. Interior construction underway.
 - 874 Cahoon Circle permit is under review.
 - Exterior finishes ongoing for LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (176 Units).
 - Exterior for Ogden Housing Authority permanent supportive housing for homeless at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue is complete and interiors are nearing completion.
 - [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 17 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 44 applications received; 12 under review.
 - [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELPL\)](#): 22 loans approved since July (FY25). Only funds for 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. TBRA program has reached its annual limit and is no longer accepting applications.
 - Ogden City received HUD approval for the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) reporting on over \$3.7 million HUD funds and HUD accomplishments for FY24.
 - Staff met with Weber Morgan Homeless Local Coordinating Council to provide the opportunity for input and partnerships in the development of the new HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan.
 - Staff attended the Utah Strategies to Address Homelessness Webinar, and Weber County Housing & Infrastructure Forum.
 - Staff presented a Winterization Training Seminar in conjunction with My Hometown Initiative for Ogden City Homeowners.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Joined the Chamber Spikers to celebrate the grand opening of Atlas Tea Company, a new family-owned tea shop located at the Junction.
- Participated in a site selector networking event hosted in Ogden by the Northern Utah Economic Alliance as part of the Consultant Connect ECONOMIC conference.
- Continued planning and predevelopment for the Union Station Neighborhood, including a discussion of the Housing and Transit Reinvestment Area (HTRZ) process/requirements and a kickoff Advisory Committee meeting for the Wall Avenue traffic study.
- Supported Visit Ogden and Ogden Eccles Conference Center in reviewing a defense sustainment event planned for 2026 with leadership from the 748th Supply Chain Management Group at Hill Air Force Base, and also participated in the Visit Ogden Annual Meeting.
- Presented and received approval from the RDA Board on agreements for two projects in the Ogden River Area – Lotus Riverwalk Phase III and Ogden River’s Edge; both projects will now continue to the plan review and permitting process.
- Met with Administration and Council staff to review current RDA projects, policy, and process – and discussed potential updates.
- Participated in the Community Real Estate training event facilitated by the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity.
- Met with team to review department/division goals relative to supporting overall city objectives.
- Met with the Utah Microloan Fund to explore potential opportunities for collaboration.
- Completed underwriting for a business loan modification. Three projects will be presented at the upcoming loan committee on Dec. 3.
- Contacted current borrowers to confirm they had successfully set up accounts with AmeriNat.
- Developed training slides for our Technical Assistance Program for businesses.
- Met with an organization about a potential new facility in Ogden and reviewed various site options.
- Held a team lunch to welcome two new staff to the Economic Development Division – more details coming soon!

Planning

- Marilyn Drive: We held a public open house to discuss a possible historic district in the Marilyn Drive area. We had over 50 neighbors attend! We presented information on the history of the neighborhood and on national and local historic districts. We will use the feedback received to develop a proposal for the Landmarks Commission to consider in the spring.
- Wall Avenue Corridor Plan: We held a kickoff meeting last week to tour Wall Avenue and discuss goals for the plan. The plan will span Wall Avenue for the entirety of the city with special emphasis on the Union Station frontage. Consultants from Kimley-Horn presented the plan overview to both the City Council and Planning Commission.
- Zone Ogden: Our consultants, Logan Simpson, presented residential zoning chapters to the Planning Commission for feedback.
- 24th Street Interchange Plan: We are planning a public open house to get feedback on desired land uses near the planned I-15/24th Street interchange. The open house will be on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 pm at city hall, third floor.
- Weber County Housing and Infrastructure Forum: We attended the forum this week and heard more about what other communities in Weber County are thinking about to address housing challenges.