

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

- Today (Monday, Jan. 6) at 10:00 am is our groundbreaking ceremony to launch the airport's terminal expansion phase – part of the ongoing terminal renovation project aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and supporting regional economic growth.
 - This ambitious project is designed to improve the airport's infrastructure and prepare for expanded commercial air service.
 - The new addition will seamlessly integrate with the remodeled terminal completed last year, marking another milestone in the airport's commitment to delivering world-class service, and will include:
 - A new entrance and site access to the terminal, expanded drop-off and pick-up loading zones, improved pedestrian access, and an enclosed indoor baggage claim area.
 - Currently, our airport offers commercial flights to Santa Ana, California via Breeze Airways. This expansion will not only improve commercial service opportunities but also build on Ogden Airport's already robust general aviation activities.
- The season's second snow removal operation last week showed significant improvements in clearing times. Adjustments have been made to the snow removal process, better aligning with best practices for airports of our size, resulting in more efficient operations.
- A recent meeting with the FAA and our airport consultant, Mead and Hunt, led to the realignment of several projects to higher priority categories. These changes aim to increase the airport's opportunity to secure additional funding in 2025.
- After months of careful planning and coordination, the airport staff has been reorganized into a team-based structure. This realignment is designed to more effectively address FAA compliance responsibilities and improve overall efficiency.
- Our Airport Director recently met with seven different airport tenants one-on-one to gain a deeper understanding of their needs and expectations, ensuring continued collaboration and support.

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- The First Friday Art Stroll (*photos right*) was on Friday and received some nice coverage on KSL TV – [“First Friday art strolls prove to be difference-maker for Ogden artists, performers”](#)
- The Arts Grant application cycle review process will begin today (January 6).
- An art call for the Community Art Show “Elements” exhibition will go live mid-January.
- We are working with an engineering firm to design cable installations on Keisel Avenue for public art opportunities.
- A new exhibit in our car museum at the Station will highlight Ogden's car history and culture between 1901 and 1937 and better share our 13-car collection. See the exhibit in person beginning January 17.
- We are working on a RAMP grant to support museum programming in 2025-2026.



Building Services

- Our Code Officers were called by OPD to assist with a rental property they were having problems with, and due to our recent cross training, we were able to assist our Police Department.
- Our Code Services team was asked by Ogden Fire to assist in finding potential locations to train in/at and we have sent several proposed locations and will continue to provide assistance with locations as needed.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is now listed for sale: [UtahRealEstate.com listing](#).
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is progressing.
 - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is ongoing.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale units is complete. Only three units remain unsold. Landscaping at the new development is planned for completion in the spring.
 - Our new homes at Sycamore Cove are progressing.
 - 2343 Quincy Avenue was sold last week to new homeowners (*photos right*).
 - Construction is nearing completion on the new home at 2321 Quincy Avenue, and it is scheduled to be listed shortly.
 - Construction on the home at 874 Cahoon Circle is currently underway.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th and Quincy.
 - Construction for the Ogden Housing Authority permanent supportive housing for homeless at 31st and Lincoln is complete. New resident intake is now underway.
 - An opening event is planned for this Wednesday (January 8) at 2:00 pm.
 - [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 28 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 51 applications received; 2 under review.
 - [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 24 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 Homeless (TBRA): 75 housed (36 adults, 39 children – 7 have a disability and 2 are elderly). Three households have successfully completed one year in program and been approved for a second year.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Hosted a meeting with the Business Development Leader for Aerospace and Defense at Weber State University, to discuss potential partnerships with Hill Air Force Base and the Aerospace and Defense Ecosystem.
- Setting up business retention/expansion meetings with key business leaders to review needs/opportunities.
- Worked with our finance team to provide needed items to support the Forrest Service Building acquisition, including: property description and photos, concept plan for building reuse and anticipated sale price, historical tax increment and projected tax increment for the Adams CRA, sales tax history and YTD sales tax, costs to include in bond (acquisition, carrying costs, easement fee), and Phase 1 ESA for promoting the bonds.
- Redevelopment team met to review/update/communicate regarding key project activities, including the expansion details and support related to the Williams International project.
- Researched background/agreements relative to the Ogden Business Exchange redevelopment district and involved partners, and supported several related internal meetings.
- Reviewed options with the Business Exchange Building RFP committee and determined a course for moving forward.
- Reviewing the scope of services for the Union Station Neighborhood master planning phase, including fulfillment of the HTRZ application requirements, the Wall Avenue study inputs, and the design guidelines/standards to establish expectations for quality and character prior to moving forward with any vertical design.
- Meeting this week to plan for the upcoming *You Make Ogden* public engagement events.
- Meeting this week to review/provide input for the 311 software selection process.
- Meeting this week with our RDA/administration team to review project updates.
- The Dec. issue of [Area Development Magazine](#) ranked Ogden #3 in Mountain Region; #7 nationally for Medium Metro Markets.
- Sales tax received for the 2024 calendar year was up 4% over the previous year!

Planning

- The planning division team met last week for a visioning activity, including review of our many accomplishments during 2024, current major activities, priorities/work plan for 2025, and a review of municipal development trends (*photo right*).
- The next General Plan update – the [“Plan Ogden Vision Celebration”](#) – is planned for the *You Make Ogden* public engagement event on January 22 at 5:30 pm at Union Station.

