

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](#).

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- The new layout of cars/exhibits at the Union Station Car Museum opened Friday (Jan. 24), including a well-attended reception with car historian Jon Clark, an exhibit ribbon-cutting (*photo right*), and free exhibit access.
- Hosted the Plan Ogden Celebration event and the Ogden Downtown Alliance quarterly town hall meeting at Union Station.
- Supporting the Mayor's Office for the [State of the City event](#) at the Copper Nickel this Wednesday (Jan. 29) at 6:00 pm.
- Completed the Arts Grants application review process last week, and the review committee will meet on Feb. 5 to discuss funding recommendations.
- The art call for the Community Art Show "Elements" exhibition is now open until Feb. 24. [Standard Examiner article](#).
- Working with GOAL on the upcoming [Winter Race Series](#). The first race in the series is a 5K on Feb. 15 at the WSU Dee Event Center.
- Artist contracts are now being completed for this year's Utility Box Art project.
- The IF4 – International Fly Fishing event is coming back to Union Station on Mar. 7 – supported by the Union Station and ACE teams.



Building Services

- Supporting our Fire Department as needed for the 22nd Street apartment construction site fire activities.

Community Development

- Presented at the City Council work session to report on the city's HUD annual performance report (CAPER) for FY24.
- Participated in OgdenCAN's board meeting to help set the organization's goals for the upcoming year.
- Reviewing the recent presidential [executive order](#) to consider impacts on our ConPlan's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.
- We continue to host free classes regarding homeownership in conjunction with the My Hometown Initiative. The next class will be held on February 6.
- 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 nearing completion.
 - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is ongoing.
 - Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is now out to bid.
- 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.
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - The new home at 2321 Quincy Ave. has been completed, recently listed, received multiple offers, and is now under contract.
 - Construction on the new home at 874 Cahoon Circle is currently underway, with framing nearing completion.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 32 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 53 applications received; 5 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 25 loans approved since July 1 (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 and 4 households have completed one year in program and have been approved for a second year.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Hosted a potential company from Singapore at our Airport in collaboration with ecosystem partners, EDC Utah and the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (*photo right*).
- Working on Capitol Square and Ogden Business Exchange redevelopment projects.
- Evaluating updates to the Airport CRA and Adams CRA, as well as potential incentive agreements in those areas.
- Supporting loan review for the Wasatch Brownfields Coalition Revolving Loan Fund, which provides funding for environmental remediation in Ogden, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County.
- Supporting the Community Engagement Commission's Connecting Employment project and proposed survey to identify employment barriers facing Ogden residents.
- Supported [Ogden Downtown Alliance's](#) quarterly town hall meeting (Jan. 22) at Union Station (*photo right*).
 - Review [ODA's 2024 Report and the Town Hall Presentation](#).
- Attended the kickoff for the [Rosie Project's fifth cohort](#); this program provides free training for military spouses to pursue careers in IT.
- Continued focus on Business Retention/Expansion visits, including recent meetings with [Blue Diamond](#), [Bechtel](#), [Apogee Worx](#) and [Systemic Formulas](#).
- Attended and supported the well-attended [Plan Ogden Celebration](#) public engagement meeting at Union Station.
- Organized a meeting with community members from Hill Air Force Base for an event scheduled in May.
- Met with a new business owner to discuss the Ogden City Loan Program and available business support resources.
- Participated in the [Northern Utah Economic Alliance](#) quarterly advisory board meeting. Highlights included:
 - A discussion regarding the higher education/legislative session, which directly affects WSU and OTEch.
 - An industrial market space update, including positive information regarding [Business Depot Ogden](#).
 - A presentation regarding the activities of the [Utah Inland Port Authority](#).
 - And a discussion about the [Ogden-Clearfield area being rated number two in the country for best performing metro areas!](#)
- Met with our team to prepare for the second downtown parking stakeholder committee meeting, which will be tonight (Jan. 27).
- Coordinating a welcome packet for new businesses in coordination with the [Chamber](#), [Ogden Downtown Alliance](#), and [Visit Ogden](#).
- Following the [Utah Redevelopment Association's](#) legislative efforts, including participation in weekly update meetings, and communicating with city administration as needed.
- Tracking state legislation related to HTRZ changes that may impact at least two potential development areas in Ogden.
- We are showcasing at the [Utah Aerospace & Defense Day on the Hill](#) at the Utah State Capitol this week (Jan. 28) – booth #51.
- Scheduled the next Business Loan Committee to review two loan applications on Feb. 7.



Planning

- Plan Ogden Celebration Event:
 - We held a very successful Plan Ogden celebration event last week (Jan. 22). About 150 people came to Union Station (*photo right*) to see the culmination of the prior public engagement efforts and to give feedback on various plan goals. We will use the feedback in drafting the general plan.
 - See article: ["Meeting updates public on status of Ogden City's new general plan"](#)
- Board of Zoning Adjustments:
 - The board met this week to consider two variances and one special exception. The board approved all three requests.
- Landmarks Commission:
 - The commission met to consider two minor changes on 25th Street. The commission approved a change to a rear doorway and denied a request to change a sign.
- 24th Street Interchange Area Planning:
 - Another public meeting regarding the new interchange plan is this Thursday (Jan. 30) at 6:00 pm at Catholic Community Services.



Other City Activities

- Mayor's State of the City Address
 - All are invited to the mayor's [State of the City Event](#) this Wednesday (Jan. 29) at 6:00 pm at the Copper Nickel (2540 Grant Avenue).
 - This will be a special evening to celebrate all that makes Ogden extraordinary, as Mayor Nadolski reflects on our shared accomplishments from the past year, discuss the important work ahead, and share an inspiring vision for our city's future.
 - Enjoy live music, catered refreshments, and the company of our neighbors as we honor our past, embrace our present, and look forward to a bright future for Ogden.