

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 Airport operations went through an FAA Part 139 Annual Inspection last week.
- Airport Director Brian Condie met with Mayor Dandoy of Roy City to discuss ways to enhance collaboration and communications.
- Our Airport Operations Office, including the Airport Director's office, is now located in its new/temporary location at 4077 Airport Rd.
- We are meeting with our planning consultants (Mead and Hunt) again this week regarding Airport Capital Projects.

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- There was a good turnout for the First Friday Art Stroll last week.
- Members of our Arts and Events team attended the [Cultural Industry Advocacy Day](#) at the State Capital last week (Feb. 4).
- Arts Grants funding recommendations were completed by the Arts Committee, and the transmittal documents are in process.
- The art call for the Community Art Show "Elements" exhibition is now open until Feb. 24.
- Artist contracts are now being completed for this year's Utility Box Art project.
- The Marshall White Public Art project is moving forward with the artists planning to install their projects in April.
- The Kiesel Avenue public art project is currently in process with cable engineering underway.
- Hosted/hosting [Ogden Downtown Alliance's annual Winter Market](#) – every Saturday in Feb. from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Station.
- Partnered for the second year with the Tim Tebow Foundation and the Genisis Project to host a successful Night to Shine event – an unforgettable prom night experience for special needs youth ages 14 and older. This event is celebrated worldwide all on the same night – in Australia, Africa, Germany, UK, Asia, Philippines, South America, Puerto Rico, and more.
- Hosted the National History Day competition for Ogden School District. Students from 4th-12th grades produced original projects and presented them at Union Station. The competition included 110+ students from schools around the district, and 55 students are now moving on to the regional competition.
- Revamped our ticket booth area with new paint, a newly sanded and stained countertop, and a new digital marketing display. The display enhances the aesthetics and customer experience by providing real time, engaging, and informative content.
- Japanese Hina Dolls are now on display, celebrating *Hinamatsuri* (Girl's Day), in collaboration with the WSU Japanese Program.
- Completed Union Station's annual report.
- Hosted four private events at Union Station last week.
- Working on a temporary exhibit featuring Ogden's Black History, which will be on display at the Station during the month of February in collaboration with local community members.
- The physical parts inventory for the Denver and Rio Grande Western #223 historic steam locomotive is now complete. We anticipate sharing the inventory results within the next month.
- Finalized logistics for the upcoming [Hostlers Model Railroad Festival](#), coming to the Union Station February 28 – March 2.

Building Services

- Business Licensing has completed their busy season of license renewals for all alcohol licenses, rental licenses, and most commercial licenses.
- Code Services conducted a large-scale property abatement, cleaning up a property located on the north end of Harrison Boulevard.
- A Building Permit was issued last week to develop a new production room for a large nutraceutical project.
- The Building Department completed the process of updating our BCEGS (Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule). This process directly affects how insurance companies interact with our community.

Community Development

- Staff hosted another homeowner class on permitting and local building standards as part of the "My Hometown Initiative Program."
- Staff provided support to The Lantern House in undertaking the "Point In Time" homeless count.

- Our team provided technical assistance to Weber Morgan Health Department to promote the success of the “Healthy Homes Program.”
- Staff provided technical assistance to a local lender to increase streamlining the “Own In Ogden” program to promote ease of processing down payment applications for lenders and borrowers.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is now under contract and scheduled to close in early March ([property listing](#)).
 - The renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is nearing completion.
 - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is ongoing.
 - The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th St. is complete, and the construction contract will be in place shortly.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale units is complete. All units are now sold or under contract.
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - The new home at 2321 Quincy Avenue has been completed 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); 58 applications received; 7 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 awarded 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

- Preparing several items for this week's RDA work session, including an amended interlocal for the Airport CRA, a proposed budget amendment for the Adams CRA, and two participation and incentive agreements.
- Preparing the RDA annual presentation for the RDA Board and developing a new interactive data dashboard for future annual reporting.
- Meeting with an area defense contractor considering an expansion project in Ogden.
- Our team toured several local companies, including [Hyperthreads](#), [White Clouds](#), and NorAm Cylinders – and reviewed industry trend and future growth plans.
- We hosted visitors from Denver and facilitated their exploration of Ogden.
- We visited with the [Economic Development Corporation of UT](#) team in SLC.
- We met with Kori Ann Edwards, the new executive director of [47G](#), who is a local from Ogden.
- Attended a "Meet the Military/Military Day on the Hill" breakfast at the Utah State Capitol. Key meet ups were with Major General Kenyon Bell, Commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Complex at Hill Air Force Base; Utah Governor Spencer Cox; and Jennie Taylor, Major Brent Taylor Foundation (*photo right*).
- Discussed a potential aerospace workforce pipeline program in conjunction with [Apogee Wox](#) and 47G with the mayor. More information coming soon.
- Reviewed/considered/approved two new business loan applications.
- Supporting the third Parking Stakeholder Committee today (Feb. 10).



Governor Spencer Cox, Kelli Pendleton (Assist. Econ. Dev. Director – Ogden City), Jennie Taylor (Major Brent Taylor Foundation)

Planning

- Planning Commission
 - The Commission met last week to consider seven items.
 - They approved a site plan modification for Riverwalk Phase 3.
 - Approved two exceptions relating to single-family homes.
 - Approved a subdivision and recommended approval of a street vacation.
 - Recommended approval of a zone change in the 500 block of 25th Street to R-9 and C-9.
 - Continued discussion of a zone change at 2850 Washington Boulevard.
- City Council
 - Planning staff presented two zone changes to the City Council last week and each was approved, including
 - Rezoning property at Harrisville Road and North Street for townhomes.
 - Rezoning property at 2869 Grant Avenue for townhomes.
- Zone Ogden Advisory Committee
 - The Committee met last week and discussed the zoning overlay chapters. These are specialized chapters dealing with hazards, design standards for specific areas, and special use allowances. They also discussed updates to the historic review chapters.