

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

- Airport staff have been very busy keeping the airport clear and open after significant snow accumulation during the last few days.
 - Our Building Services team's support on Friday to complete snow cleanup and handle the *Breeze* flight logistics was appreciated!
- Met with department management and our finance team to review airport budget plan details.
- Met with economic development staff to review the new electrical service plan for the west side of the airport.

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Hosted the [Miss Rodeo Utah Fundraiser](#) (pic. right) and 4 additional private events at Station.
- Hosted the Jones Family Exhibit Reception, an exhibit featuring Ogden's Black History, at Union Station on Saturday.
 - The exhibit will remain on display in the Station's Grand Lobby through February.
- Hosted/met with the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee to provide updates on current museum activities/plans and campus development plans.
- Met with Weber State University and Embry Chapel leadership to discuss potential collaboration to protect their historical records.
- Hosting [Ogden Downtown Alliance's annual Winter Market](#) – every Saturday in February from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Union Station.
- The Winter Race Series events, in preparation for the upcoming Ogden Marathon (hosted by the GOAL Foundation) are ongoing. See [ogdenmarathon.com/winterseries](#) for details.
- The art call for the Community Art Show "Elements" exhibition is now open until Feb. 24.
- The Kiesel Avenue public art project is currently in process with cable engineering underway.
- The Marshall White Center public art project is moving forward with the artists planning to install their projects in April.
- Arts Grants transmittal documents are in process, and artist contracts are now being completed for this year's Utility Box Art project.
- Met with department management and finance team to review division budget plan details.
- Met with department management regarding location/enclosure options for the soon to be restored/returned Merci Car.
- Meeting with several organizations about the Denver and Rio Grande Western #223 historic steam locomotive's potential future.
- The [Hostlers Model Railroad Festival](#) will be at Union Station February 28 – March 2.
- Union Station will be closed this week for required replacement of the building's main electrical transformer and switchgear – resuming normal operations on Saturday (Feb. 22).
 - During this time, all Union Station offices and museums will be closed.
 - Staff have prepared/coordinated and communicated regarding the temporary closure.



Olivia Favero (center), Ms. Rodeo Utah, with Ogden Pioneer Days Whoopie Girls at Union Station, Feb. 13

Building Services

- Code Service successfully facilitated a building demolition along Grant Avenue. This particular demo has been in the works since 2018.
- Business Licensing is working hard to refine our online application process with the goal of making the process as efficient and user-friendly as possible.
- Met with department management and our finance team to review the building services division budget plan details.
- Several of our team members were able to support airport operations on Friday with additional snow removal/staffing activities.

Community Development

- Staff continues to host homeownership classes as part of the "My Hometown Initiative Program." Final class in this series is Feb. 26.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is now under contract and scheduled to close in early March ([property listing](#)).

- Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is nearing completion, and the renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles is ongoing.
- The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th is complete, and the construction contract will be in place shortly.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Construction is complete on the final phase of the [Towns at 24th](#) for sale units. 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 sold to a new owner occupant family (*photos right*).
 - Construction on the new home at 874 Cahoon Circle is currently underway, with framing now complete, and the 4-way inspection to be completed soon.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th St. and Quincy Ave.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 32 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 59 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 awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for Homeless (TBRA): 75 homeless are currently housed. 6 more individuals (2 households) have been housed for one year and are approved for a second year.
- Staff were able to assist a disabled resident locate a grant to install an ADA wheelchair ramp for home accessibility.



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Presented several items at last 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.
- Presented the [RDA Annual Report](#) to the RDA Board.
- Participated in a planning session with Weber County for a downtown development project.
- Facilitated the monthly RDA staff/administration project review meeting.
- Several team members participated in the [Chamber's 2025 Economic Forecast event](#) (*photo right*).
- Met with a business considering locating at the Ogden Business Exchange.
- Met with the managing director of [Kord Defence](#), based in Australia, with a branch in Ogden. (*photo right*).
- Met with Finance team regarding potential Airport CRA waterline project.
- Met with airport staff to review the new electrical service plan for the west side of the airport and potential new business development and expansion in the area.
- Met with internal Union Station pre-development team to review finances and next steps.
- Met with Union Station campus development partners to review updates for all pre-development activities.
- Completed job creation documentation requirements for one business loan, and payment requirements for four business technical assistance projects.
- Supported the third Parking Stakeholder Committee last week. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 24.



Peter Moran, managing director of Kord Defence, with Ben Nadolski, Ogden City Mayor (along with Skippy the Kangaroo) at Ogden City offices, Feb. 14

Planning

- City Council
 - Planning staff presented a [proposed zone change](#) at 150 32nd Street from CP-3 to R-4/CO.
 - The Council adopted the change.
- Met with department management and our finance team to review planning division budget plan details.
- Zone Ogden
 - The next [Zone Ogden public engagement event](#) is coming up on Feb. 26 at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
 - Topics will include: residential and non-residential zones, overlay zones, and processes and procedures.