

# 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

- Our airport successfully passed the Part 139 FAA Inspection last week!
- The expanded airport terminal construction is moving right along with most of the concrete footings now complete.
- In conjunction with the airport terminal construction/updates, the Bickering Sister's restaurant is moving from the terminal and will be relocating downtown.
- Our next Airport Users Meeting is scheduled for March 11 at the Kemp Gateway facility.
  - The first session is at 1:00 pm and the second session is at 6:00 pm.

### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- We held a kickoff meeting with our museum architecture and design firm, [HGA](#) + [Roto](#).
  - They met with city staff and community stakeholders, and toured the museums for the first time.
  - This starts our museum planning phase of our major project – rightsizing the space and identifying key stories for the museums.
- Hosted the very well attended annual [Hostlers Model Railroad Festival](#) over the weekend (*photos right*). The organization was celebrating their 35th anniversary.
- Hosted the Zone Ogden open house in the Browning Theater.
- The [IF4 Fly Fishing Film Festival](#) is coming back to Union Station again this year on March 7.
  - Doors open at 6:00 pm and the film starts at 7:00 pm.
- Coordinating logistics/partnering with Special Olympics Utah to host a Mother's Day Market in support of Weber State's Special Olympics team – coming to Union Station in April.
- Coordinating the logistics for a potential Runway Fashion Show – coming to Union Station in June.
- Continuing work to prepare a location for the Merci Car's return from its restoration in Cheyenne – anticipated this summer.
- 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.
- Continuing work on a general operating support grant via [Utah Arts & Museums](#), as well as working on an EZ RAMP grant.



### Building Services

- The independent/professional business license application is now live on our OneStop site.
  - This license type is used for tattoo artists, hair stylists, etc., who are operating out of a shop or salon and have booth rent, rather than their own suite.
- Code Enforcement virtually attended EduCode 2025 training, where they received required continuing education/industry updates.
- Plan Review staff participated in a software expansion demonstration that is intended to make the plan review process more efficient.
- A new "Hot Pot" restaurant plan review was completed. The restaurant location will be at 4339 Harrison Boulevard.

## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is scheduled to close within the next couple of weeks.
  - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is nearing completion, and the renovation of home at 2823 Eccles is progressing.
  - The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is complete, and a construction contract will be in place soon.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
    - Construction on the new home at 874 Cahoon Circle continues to progress, with drywall work now underway.
    - The bid package for the new home to be built at 866 Cahoon Circle is being finalized.
  - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (*photo right*).
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 33 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.



## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Continued to explore Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) opportunities for Ogden, including meeting with an industry expert and engaging with several leading AAM companies.
- Reviewed and updated material to market the Ogden Airport to aerospace and aviation companies at several upcoming industry events.
- Continued tracking State RDA legislation updates. Highlighted critical legislation to watch in the last week of the legislative session.
- Revised a participation agreement for a business expansion project in the Airport CRA.
- Capitol Square update – met with Basin Development to confirm next steps and scheduled follow-up.
- Prepared the Resolution, Ordinance and Transmittal for the Dissolution of five RDA project areas.
- Assisting a local company with finding a larger building to move their operations to within Ogden.
- Working on a new business development project named “Project Capsule.”
- Creating marketing materials for new business welcome packets.
- Hosted the Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs from Swire Coca-Cola during her first visit to Ogden.
- Exhibited at the Utah Manufacturing Day on the Hill, showcasing Ogden as a manufacturing hub and promoting awareness of our community to potential new businesses at the state capitol.
- Attended an Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC Utah) meeting that provided live updates on the corporate expansion pipeline and shared valuable market insights. 47G also who presented key findings from an economic impact analysis of the aerospace and defense sectors in Utah.
- Participated in the quarterly Northern Utah Economic Alliance meeting for updates on development trends and projects.
- Met with several business owners to discuss funding and other types of resources.
- Working on a guideline for future workshops and seminars sponsored by the Business Information Center.
- Working on the transfer of the last business loan from Guffey to AmeriNat.
- Routed a loan agreement for signatures for one business borrower and met with a potential borrower to review our loan options.
- Supported the fourth Parking Stakeholder Committee last week. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10.
- Met again with our community Rapid-Response Team to continue to develop our activity/communication plans to respond to expected Federal Employee Layoffs. A follow-up meeting with an expanded group of community stakeholders will be held today (Mon., Mar. 3).

## Planning

- Zone Ogden
  - We held a public open house to provide information on the development code update. About 50 people came and provided input (*photo right*).
    - Information on procedures, zones, and overlay zones was presented.
    - Standard Examiner Article: [“Ogden City’s ‘Zone Ogden’ effort ... gathering public feedback”](#)
- Landmarks Commission
  - The Commission met to consider two items.
    - They approved repairs to an existing brick parapet on 25th Street, and also approved a new sign on 25th Street.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment
  - The Board met to consider two items.
    - They approved setback variances for two single-family homes.

