

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

- One of Utah's first air taxi demonstrations is tomorrow (Tuesday, March 11) at 3:00 pm at the AvFlight facility (4282 South 1650 West).
 - The event will feature BETA Technologies' electric aircraft, ALIA, and is being hosted by 47G (Utah Aerospace & Defense), Utah Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
 - There will be information about how Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) in Utah has the potential to reduce commute times, increase access and delivery times for cargo and medical needs, open accessibility to jobs, education and recreational opportunities and improve air quality.
 - Attendance at the open house is limited – so [registration](#) is requested.
- Our next Airport Users Meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday, March 11) at the Kemp Gateway facility.
 - The first session is at 1:00 pm and the second session is at 6:00 pm.
- Check out some of the [design concepts](#) for our airport terminal updates – currently under construction!



Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Hosted another successful [IF4 Fly Fishing Film Festival](#) on Friday at the Station.
- Facilitated the First Friday Art Stroll downtown on Friday night.
- Now working with our museum architecture and design firm to gather the initial museum and facility information required for the planning phase of our major new museum development project.
- 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 – anticipated this summer.
- Engineering work to support the new Kiesel Ave. public art project is underway.
- The Marshall White Center public art project is moving forward with the artists planning to install their projects next month.
- Our [Ogden Twilight 2025 Concert Series](#) starts June 1 (see flyer to right).
 - The only place to get tickets is at www.24tix.com



Building Services

- A Certificate of Occupancy was issued to the new Ombu Sushi & Cajun Seafood Buffet, located at 1084 Washington Boulevard (the very south part of the Ocean Mart building). [Standard Examiner Article](#)
- Code Services has been actively gathering possible projects for the upcoming Day of Service for My Hometown.
- Business Licensing worked with IT to provide CED admin. with downtown employee numbers to support parking planning activities.
- Business Licensing is working with IT to enable online applications for Home Occupation licenses through onestop.ogdencity.gov.

Community Development

- Staff met with Ogden Housing Authority's resident advisory board and OgdenCAN to discuss the consolidated plan.
- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is scheduled to close next week.
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is now complete and will be listed soon. The renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles is progressing.
 - The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is complete, and a construction contract is being finalized.
- 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 now complete.
 - 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.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 36 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 63 applications received; 6 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 individuals are currently housed.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- We held meetings with national site selectors, local economic development team members, representatives from Hill Air Force Base, and the Federal Reserve Bank to showcase the recent developments in Ogden.
- Concluded tracking Utah Redevelopment Association (URA) related legislation filed during the 2025 Utah Legislative session.
- Met again with our Union Station campus development team and reviewed Wall Avenue study updates, the market study scope, the museums planning process, and plans to meet with additional stakeholders.
- Working with the Union Station campus market study consultants on the proposed project scope for the study.
- Met with a business to discuss business resources and city loan programs, and routed a new business loan agreement for approval.
- Met with the Downtown Parking project staff team to review options for employee parking and a plan for assessing impacts.
 - Rescheduled the next Parking Stakeholder Committee Meeting to March 24.
- Met again with our community Rapid-Response Team (Workforce Services, Otech, WSU, Chamber, County, State Econ. Development and others) on March 3 to continue to develop our activity/communication plans to respond to the expected Federal Employee Layoffs.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for today (Monday, Mar. 10) at 4:00 pm.
- Representatives from Ogden City, United Way of Northern Utah, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, Comcast and several area nonprofits came together last week at the [United Way of Northern Utah's](#) headquarters to cut the ribbon on the new [Behnken Nonprofit Learning Campus](#) (photo right). [Standard Examiner Article](#)
- Working on a proposed budget amendment for the Adams CRA for consideration by our community redevelopment partners – which would provide the opportunity for needed redevelopment projects in the area.
- Forest Service Building purchase update:
 - The GSA is expected to counter-sign our Offer To Purchase this week.
 - The RDA Board is scheduled to consider the bond parameters agreement on Mar. 18, and if supported, anticipate closing in April.
 - We continue to meet to further refine the development concept for the historic facility.
- Capitol Square redevelopment activities update:
 - We are working through the potential HTRZ advantages that could be applied to support redevelopment of the area.
 - Along with our Community Development team, working on next steps related to some environmental remediation at the site.
- Presenting this week to the City Council/RDA regarding proposal to amend existing *WonderBlock* parking agreement between the City, Redevelopment Agency, and State to update parking arrangements for court employees/visitors (addressing design constraints).
- Presenting this week to the RDA board the proposed amended interlocal agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and Weber County authorizing the sharing of tax increment in the Airport Community Reinvestment Area.
- Presenting this week to the RDA board the recommended participation and incentive agreement with Williams International to support their major business expansion within the Airport Community Reinvestment Area.
- Supporting the Advanced Air Mobility event at the Airport this week (see Air Taxi Demo event details in Airport section of this report).
- Several team members will be participating in the [Northern Utah Development Symposium](#) on March 19 at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center – which is being hosted by [Weber County Economic Development](#) and [Northern Utah Economic Alliance](#).
- We are preparing for our annual Aerospace and Defense event at Union Station, scheduled for May 13, 14, and 15.



Planning

- Zone Ogden
 - Updated the City Council during their work session on the [Zone Ogden project activities](#), including an overview of the chapters that are drafted up to this point as part of the Unified Development Code Update and our significant community engagement.