

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

- Supported the air taxi demonstration event last week at the airport, featuring [BETA Technologies' electric aircraft, ALIA](#).
- Facilitated two Airport User Meetings last week.

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Hosted five private events and completed eight new event client tours at Union Station last week.
- Completed Union Station's annual boiler system inspection successfully.
- Participated in National History Day judging at the Weber Regional Contest – which supports Ogden and Weber students in providing feedback for their history projects that could potentially advance to the National History Day Contest.
- Our museum architecture/design firm is in the process of gathering the initial museum and facility information required for the planning phase of our major new museum development project.
- Submitting a General Operating Support Grant for Utah Arts and Museums to support utilities and museum staffing.
- Working on an EZ RAMP Grant to support disability access improvement for Union Station.
- 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.
- Producing/coordinating plans for the Union Station's annual Heritage Festival – coming up on May 10.
- Coordinating the logistics for a potential Runway Fashion Show – coming to Union Station in June.
- Preparing for the upcoming event season, including the evaluation of staffing support considerations and needs.
- Working with a design firm on the new structure that will shelter the soon to be restored Merci Car.
- Artists for the Marshall White Center public art project are planning to install their projects next month.

Building Services

- The demo of the City Walk apartments at 22nd/Grant (after arson) is complete and the project once again has an active building permit.
- The new Union Walk apartment building development, located in the 100 block of 25th Street, has now started the framing stage.
- Business Licensing is working to update their webpage to include convenient links for the online applications that are currently available.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street is scheduled to close this week.
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is complete and is now listed for sale (*photos right*). Landscaping and fencing are underway. [Real Estate Listing](#)
 - The renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is progressing.
 - The bidding process for renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is complete, and construction is to begin shortly.
- 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 exterior siding currently underway.
 - The bid package for the new home to be built at 866 Cahoon Circle is now available.
 - 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; 5 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 26 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

- The RDA Board adopted the amended interlocal agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and Weber County authorizing the sharing of tax increment in the Airport Community Reinvestment Area.
- Received RDA Board approval on a participation agreement with Williams International through the Airport Community Reinvestment Area.
 - The participation agreement will support a significant expansion of Williams International in Ogden, creating more than 300 new high-wage jobs and generating \$1B in investment in the coming years! More details at www.ogdencity.gov/CivicAlerts
- Preparing to close on the RDA’s purchase of the Forest Service Building and reviewing the next steps for its redevelopment.
- Working through the potential HTRZ advantages that could be applied to support the redevelopment of the Capital Square area.
- Notice of interlocal agreements between the Ogden City Redevelopment Agency and the taxing entities: (1) Ogden City, (2) Weber County, (3) Ogden School District and (4) Central Weber Sewer Improvement District – were published as required by statute.
- We were thrilled to host BETA Technologies, 47G, Utah Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity, Weber County, and many others as we [celebrated Utah’s first air taxi](#) (photos right). This marks an exciting step forward in advanced air mobility, utilizing clean, electric aircraft to transport people to destinations throughout the state. Ogden City Economic Development is eager to see this innovative technology progress and strengthen Northern Utah’s role in the aerospace and defense sectors.
- Save the Date for our annual [Acceler8 Wasatch Aerospace and Defense Event](#), taking place in Ogden on May 13-15.
- Ogden’s Historic 25th Street is once again in the running for [USA Today’s “Best Main Streets USA,”](#) and we need your support to reach #1. Last year, thanks to the rallying efforts of the Ogden community, we achieved an impressive #3 in this reader poll. Help elevate us to the top of the list this year by clicking this link once each day:
 - <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/ogden-utah/>
- Two loan agreements were executed last week for our small business loan program.
- Preparing data for the FY 21-25 report, showing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) accomplishments at our Business Information Center.
- Met with Weber State University accounting professors to consider potential collaboration opportunities to provide training for small business owners in Ogden.
- Completed the Business Information Center Workshop/Seminar guideline, designed to bring the community and businesses together for insightful discussions on important topics – with the goal to educate, inspire and collaborate.
- Met again with our Union Station development team and reviewed the Wall Avenue study meeting with UDOT, market study consultant teams, museum planning process, etc.
- The next Parking Stakeholder Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 24.
- Met again with our community Rapid-Response Team (Workforce Services, OTech, WSU, Chamber, County, State Econ. Development and others) on March 10 to continue to develop our activity/communication plans to respond to the expected Federal Employee Layoffs. We are working toward a public forum event in late April. Our next meeting is scheduled for today (Mon., Mar. 17) at 3:00 pm.
- Several team members will be participating in the [Northern Utah Development Symposium](#) this week (March 19) at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center – which is being hosted by [Weber County Economic Development](#) and [Northern Utah Economic Alliance](#).



Planning

- Zone Ogden
 - The Zone Ogden Advisory Committee met and went through special regulations for the new uniform development code.
- Special Projects
 - The Sunset Ridge Phases 3 & 4 were recorded, so the city can move forward with the claimed bond to complete improvements in Phases 1 & 2. Met with Ensign Engineering to discuss the contract for developing amended plats and improvement plans.
 - Our Wall Avenue Study team met with UDOT representatives and presented project overviews and received constructive feedback.