

# 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 terminal expansion project is moving along steadily, with the concrete foundation now complete. Starting today (Mar. 24), structural steel installation will begin. In addition, replacement of the SS line to Airport Road is scheduled to start this week.
- Airport staff responded swiftly and effectively to the recent snowstorm, ensuring the airfield reopened safely and on schedule.
- Vending machines have now temporarily replaced the restaurant in the terminal. To enhance passenger comfort, complimentary hot cocoa and coffee are available to all airport patrons on flight days.
- Lastly, Ogden Airport has introduced a new logo (*see logo at right*) and is currently undergoing a full rebranding. We welcome your input—rebranding suggestions can be sent directly to our Airport Director, Brian Condie.



#### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Our Arts Grants Recommendation transmittal was submitted to administration last week. The next step will be to review the recommendations during an upcoming City Council work session.
- Submitted an EZ Grant for the new First Friday Art Stroll flags.
- Submitted a general operating support grant application to Utah Division of Arts and Museums.
- Working on updates to a new Art Stroll map for the summer season.
- Partnering with Special Olympics Utah to host a Mother's Day Market in support of Weber State's Special Olympics team at Union Station in April.
- Artists for the Marshall White Center public art project are on track to install their projects next month.
- The utility box project is close to completion, with the artwork now submitted to the vendor. Hoping for installations to start in May.
- A new installation for Dumke Arts Plaza will be installed in May.
- The community art "Elements" show is on display in the Union Station Grand Lobby until May 2.
- Producing/coordinating plans for the Union Station's annual Heritage Festival – coming up on May 10.

#### Building Services

- Business Licensing is experiencing smoother and quicker processing times since implementing new processes, submittal requirements, and online applications. The licensing team has maintained a great attitude despite changes in leadership, everyday procedures, and the upcoming adjustments the team is working to implement.
- Licensing extends its thanks to the IT department for their countless hours of back-end implementation and continuous problem-solving related to both online applications and the EPL system used by Licensing. We also thank the Planning, Building, and Engineering divisions for their partnership and willingness to collaborate in creating more integrated and streamlined approval processes to better serve our businesses and residents.
- The plan review team is currently re-reviewing construction plans for the issuance of building permits for Riverwalk Phase III, which includes four new apartment buildings and a clubhouse, to be located at approximately 1802 Wall Avenue.
- The plan review team is also conducting a first review of construction plans for a large townhome project at 335 7<sup>th</sup> Street, consisting of seven buildings and a total of 36 dwelling units.
- Additionally, the team has begun initial reviews of construction plans for a large single-family and duplex dwelling project that will include a total of 75 units, located just south of North Street, between 125 West and 250 West.

## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - The newly renovated home at 450 30th Street was sold last week to a new low/mod income homeowner.
  - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is complete and is now listed for sale [Real Estate Listing](#). 4 offers have been received and are under review.
  - The renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is progressing.
  - The renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is now underway.
- 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](#): 39 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 63 applications received; 1 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.
- The draft Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY26-30 (ConPlan) and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) – HUD plans have been completed and will be discussed at City Council's work session on April 8.
- Staff provided technical support to Weber Morgan Health Department's Healthy Homes program staff.
- CD staff serves on the Weber County Homeless Charitable Trust, and the Trust provided \$50,000 for emergency rental assistance, administered by OWCAP, and reported that 25 households received emergency rental assistance and avoided homelessness.
- CD staff met with Roads to Independence to consult on the new ConPlan and received positive feedback on the city's HUD programs.

## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Continued work on the proposed budget increase details for the Adams CRA and several projects in the CRA, including the Forest Service Building and other key projects.
- Attended the Intermountain Sustainability Summit, which included updates on federal funding for clean energy, updating municipal codes for EV-readiness, and designing places that encourage connections with the natural environment.
- Much of the Economic Development team attended the Northern Utah Development Symposium hosted by Weber County and Northern Utah Economic Alliance. The event presented perspectives on site selection, real estate development in our market, and tourism.
- Hosted a California-based company for a site selection tour, showcasing our area's resources and strategic advantages as a hub for aerospace and defense industries.
- Discussions were held with multiple aerospace companies interested in evaluating Ogden for their business operations.
- Updated parking space projections to reduce revenue for employee parking and worked with our consultant to update the impacted revenue projections for consideration.
- The next Parking Stakeholder Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 14.
- Met again with our community Rapid-Response Team on March 17 to continue to develop our activity/communication plans to respond to the expected Federal Employee Layoffs. We are working toward a Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum on April 23 at the event center at Ogden-Weber Technical College.
- [Event registration](#) is now open for our Aerospace and Defense Acceler8 Wasatch 2025, a key event for industry collaboration and exploration. The event will take place on May 13 at Union Station and aims to connect aerospace companies with opportunities in Ogden and highlighting our region's potential as an ideal location for new business activities.



Recent site visit at the [Ogden Air Logistics Complex](#) at Hill Air Force Base

## Planning

- The Planning Commission held a work session last Wednesday.
  - The commission discussed the overlay zone chapters for the Zone Ogden update.
    - These chapters cover items such as slopes, floods, airport approach areas, the East Central area, and the 12th Street corridor.
    - The commission also discussed formula-based businesses.
      - The commission discussed how to promote local businesses and maintain local character.
      - This topic will return to the Planning Commission at a later date.
- Staff met last week to discuss ongoing ways to improve customer service.
  - Staff already has implemented several measures, such as Concept Review team meetings, review deadlines, improved application forms, and code amendments to reduce process requirements. This will be an ongoing project.