

# 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

- We were pleased to receive an award from the Utah Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics for being the **third busiest commercial airport in Utah**, as measured by the number of flight operations last year.
- Passenger flight numbers for the Breeze Airlines flights to southern California (Santa Ana) continue to be very good.
- One of our Fuel Base Operators (FBO) at the airport hosted a “Children in Aviation” program, where kids were provided with activities to teach them about aviation at the airport.
- We will be hosting another Airport Users Meeting on April 10 at the Kemp Gateway Center (Spade Room).
- Progress continues on our airport terminal expansion project, now with structural steel installation going vertical (*photo right*).



### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Starting planning activities to support upgrades to the Browning Firearms Museum. This will be a year-long project to update and reinterpret exhibits with funding from the Union Station Foundation.
- Selected new collections management software for improving usability and access to our museum artifact collection information.
- Participated in the *Untold Stories of Ogden City* podcast, hosted by Ogden City staff and youth outreach groups.
- Our museum development consultants, HGA+Roto, met with city leadership and Design Workshop to align priorities for the new museum.
- Met with Urban Archive, our digital photo collection app company, to talk about strategic use. We reached over 35,000 individuals with our historic content in 2024.
- Currently conducting a thorough removal of all debris, discarded materials, and accumulated clutter in the Trainsmen’s Building.
- Prepped and repainted our maintenance team’s new office areas in the Trainsmen’s Building.
- Currently conducting a comprehensive inventory of our Union Station gift shop to assess stock levels and ensure accuracy. Also prepping for our upcoming spring season by selecting and replenishing merchandise to offer our customers fresh and exciting new items.
- Hosted two private events and four school tours at the Station, including high school students wanting to learn about museum exhibit design and development.
- 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.
- Working on updates to a new Art Stroll map for the summer season.
- 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.
- Working on approvals for new public art mural that will be installed on the parking garage on Kiesel Ave.

### Building Services

- Code Services is supporting preparations for the upcoming *My Hometown Day of Service* by generating property lists and helping to coordinate improvement efforts.

- Business Licensing is exploring options to implement online BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation) verification. The goal is to streamline the business license application process and reduce redundancy between state and city requirements.
- Building Inspectors attended a regional training and coordination meeting for the Northern Utah area. These meetings help ensure consistency with inspectors in surrounding areas and keep our team informed on the latest construction methods and technologies.
- Permits have been issued for the relocation of the monuments at the [Fallen Firefighters Memorial](#). Work is expected to begin shortly.

## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy Avenue is complete and under contract for sale. [Real Estate Listing](#)
  - The renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is nearing completion. Estimated to be listed at the beginning of April.
  - 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 painting now complete.
    - 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](#): 40 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 65 applications received; 2 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 Ogden Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the draft Consolidated Plan and NRSA FY26-30.
- Staff attended the recent sustainability conference at Weber State University.

## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Info. Center

- Continuing the event planning for the upcoming Acceler8 Wasatch 2025 in Ogden; held multiple meetings with event partners.
- Working on design/development for several redevelopment projects, including the Union Station Neighborhood and Capitol Square.
- Continuing to work on a proposed budget increase for the Adams CRA and preparing to close on the Forest Service Building.
- Reviewed/formatted our Weber County Auditor’s March 700 Report – Tax Year 2024; the basis for submission to the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity – RDA Annual Report.
- Meetings were held with companies from Salt Lake City to discuss bringing their businesses to Ogden.
- Our assistant director, Kelli Pendleton, was able to meet with a number of key individuals and companies last week at the [2025 AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition](#) in Huntsville, Alabama.
- Our team supported the [Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce annual awards gala](#), celebrating small and large companies in our area.
- Completed several business support – technical assistance projects.
- Reviewed employee parking projections with our financial team – with additional detail being worked on for full consideration.
- Meeting again today (Mar. 31) with our community stakeholder Rapid-Response Team to prepare for support activities related to potential Federal Employee layoffs. We are working toward a Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum on April 23 at Ogden-Weber Technical College.
- A good article regarding the status of our *WonderBlock* joint-venture development with [J. Fisher Companies](#) (photo right) was published last week in the *Standard Examiner*: [“WonderBlock development remains on-time with main parking structure to be open later this year”](#)



*Our Kelli Pendleton (top center) making connections at the recent Ogden-Weber Chamber’s Women in Business new member event at the United Way of Northern Utah.*



*WonderBlock parking garage under construction at Lincoln & 26<sup>th</sup>*

## Planning

- Marilyn Drive Historic District:
  - Planning staff held a very successful open house to discuss a potential historic district for the Marilyn Drive area. About 70 people attended to learn about and give input on having the area become a national or local historic district. This neighborhood was a pre-eminent residential area developed from the 1920s to 1950s. It contains a variety of interesting architectural styles of homes.
- Landmarks Commission:
  - The Commission met to consider minor changes to two buildings on Historic 25th Street, and approved both applications. They also discussed a historic nomination from a resident for a different property in their neighborhood and requested additional info.