

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

- Airport staff, airport tenants, Weber County representatives, City Business Licensing/Building Services/Permitting staff, all participated in an Airport RDA hangar evaluation (*photo right*). The group carried out a walking, exterior evaluation of the hangars, examining their intended and actual uses, structural integrity, and overall aesthetics. The goal of this analysis was to pinpoint areas for potential enhancement and to formulate a clear, actionable plan to ensure the airport's smooth and efficient operation moving forward.
- The next airport user meeting will be this Thursday (April 10). This meeting will discuss primary management and compliance documents. Definitions will be reviewed to confirm a consistent understanding of aeronautical terms.
- Additional letters of agreement are being finalized between the airport and the FAA controlled Air Traffic Control Tower for snow removal and movement/non-movement areas. These letters of agreement are critical for the safety of aircraft and vehicle movements.
- Future signage for the airport and terminal is being reviewed, which will include the integration of the new airport logo.



Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- This month's [First Friday Art Stroll](#) took place on Friday, which was supported by our newly released new Art Stroll Map.
- LaToya People, one of the artists for the [Marshall White Center](#) art project, arrived Thursday and started working on her mural panels.
- Lorie Buckley and Christy McBride attended the Utah Division of Arts & Museums Executive Director Forum last week.
- Preparing the Union Station gift shop for our upcoming spring season by selecting and replenishing merchandise to offer customers.
- The utility box project is close to completion, with the artwork now submitted to the vendor. Hoping for installations to start in May.
- The community art show "Elements" is on display in the Union Station Grand Lobby until May 2.
 - Community voting for Community Choice and Artist Choice was held during the Art Stroll last Friday, and an Awards Ceremony will be held this Wednesday (April 9) from 6:00-9:00 pm.
- The Ogden Poet Laureates, Ogden Poetry Festival is this Saturday (April 12) from 12:00-5:00 pm at the Junction.
- Our Arts Grants recommendations will be reviewed at the May 20 City Council work session.
- A new installation for Dumke Arts Plaza will be installed in May.
- Working on approvals for the new public art mural that will be installed on the Kiesel Avenue parking garage.

Building Services

- Code Services Officers have been busy with cleanup projects; some of which have been large enough to fill entire pickup truck beds.
- Business Licensing is excited to see so many new restaurants applying for licenses and others preparing to open soon. We value the opportunity to work with and build lasting relationships with our new business owners.
- A new storage facility for the Ogden Rodeo Grounds has been approved and is expected to be permitted soon.
- Our Building Services team conducted a site visit to review the current airport hangar layout last week.
- The Plan Review team completed building permit construction plan review on three of the four new apartment buildings re-submitted for the Riverwalk Phase III project (watching for fourth building and amenity building to be re-submitted). The new development should start to take shape soon on the southeast corner of Wall Avenue and 18th Street.
- The Plan Review team completed building permit construction plan review on three different industrial pallet racking systems to be installed in three different buildings to enhance manufacturing and distribution the locations at the Ogden Business Exchange, Ogden Commercial Industrial Park, and the Business Depot Ogden.
- The Plan Review team completed construction plan review on a new blown film production line being added to the industrial business, [Heritage Bag](#), a Novolex Brand (one of the top institutional can liner producers in North America), located at 2976 Industrial Way.

Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is complete and under contract ([Real Estate Listing](#)). Scheduled to close mid-April.
 - Renovation of 2823 Eccles is nearing completion (estimated to be listed next week). Renovation of 1183 28th is now underway.
 - The home at 470 30th is now bidding out for renovation.
- 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 process for the new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is now closed and we are moving forward with a contract.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th and Quincy.
- ["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).
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 11 grants have been awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for Homeless (TBRA): 75 homeless individuals currently housed.
- Framing is complete on the 52-unit low-income senior housing project at 2650 Grant Avenue (*photo above*).



Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Info. Center

- Celebrated the groundbreaking for [Williams International's](#) expansion project, which will create more than 300 high-wage aerospace jobs and over \$1 billion in investment; the Ogden City RDA is supporting this project with a TIF incentive through the Airport CRA, most of which will fund infrastructure improvements to benefit Williams and other businesses in the area (*2 photos right*).
- Prepared and closed on the Forest Service Building purchase and continued planning for its redevelopment. Read the ABC4 news story at: ["Ogden-purchases-historic-building"](#)
- Continued work on redevelopment projects in the Adams CRA, Union Station and Capitol Square area.
- Participated in monthly development update meeting with our County colleagues.
- Working on scheduling follow up engagements with contacts developed from recent participation in the AUSA Global Force Symposium/Exposition
- Meeting with Hydro-jug this week and scheduling additional business retention and expansion visits.
- Continuing to work on details for our upcoming [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) (May 13-15). Met with a defense prime this week about a panel discussion and to learn more about any potential expansion or relocation efforts.
- Communicated last week with three companies looking to potentially expand into our region.
- Hosted an aerospace company at our offices and held a virtual meeting with another aerospace company to understand their needs.
- Submitted a new proposal to [EDC Utah](#) for a potential project in Ogden.
- Completed HUD Requirements for five business loan borrowers, processed loan draw requests and closed on a Tech. Assist. project.
- Met with downtown hotel management and communicated with impacted businesses regarding Electric Alley parking arrangements.
- Met again with our community stakeholder Rapid-Response Team to prepare for support activities related to expected upcoming Federal Employee layoffs. Our next meet is today (April 7), and we expect to finalize communication materials and plans for our planned "Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum" scheduled for April 23 at [Ogden-Weber Technical College](#) (*partial event flyer below*).



Planning

- Planning Commission – meet last week and
 - approved a building at the rodeo grounds;
 - approved a change of nonconforming use for a landscaping company;
 - denied a request to paint a brick building in East Central;
 - approved minor changes to the [Midtown Village](#) project;
 - recommended approval of a zone change on 7th St. to allow a small lot single-family development; and
 - found the Capital Improvement Plan complies with the General Plan.
- The [Zone Ogden](#) advisory committee met last week and discussed changes to the subdivision ordinance.

