

# 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

- Hosted our monthly airport user meeting (*photo right*). Discussion topics included strategic development, land lease policy, rates/fees, airport terms/definitions, minimum requirements, and rules and regulations.
- Airport Firemen Kevin Waller and Brandon Parr conducted a fire extinguisher training for airport employees and tenants.
- Communication training was conducted in cooperation with the airport tower to support consistent/proper radio communications.



### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Artists LaToya Peoples and Damon Lamar Reed are both currently working at the soon to be opened new [Marshall White Center](#) on their public art projects.
  - KUTV News visited the Center last week to interview the artists and the news story is expected to be aired later this week.
- The Ogden Poet Laureates – Ogden Poetry Festival was held on Saturday (April 12) the Junction.
- The community art show “Elements” is on display at Union Station until May 2. An awards ceremony was held last week for the artists.
- Opened a new art show in the Myra Powell gallery, “Empathy,” by local BLHS and WSU students. This show is on display until mid-May.
- 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 art installation will open on May 16 at the Dumke Arts Plaza entitled: “This was water.” The interactive sculpture, sound, and video installation is by Kellie Bornhoft and Carey Campbell. The opening ceremony will also include performance elements.
- Our Arts Grants recommendations will be reviewed at the May 20 City Council work session.
- Received a donation of trestle-wood hardwood flooring from the Trestlewood company. This historic railroad bridge wood will be used in the new museum.
- Working on approvals for the new public art mural that will be installed on the Kiesel Avenue parking garage.
- Reviewing grant applications submitted for Utah Arts and Museums.
- Prepping focus groups, including local educators and our volunteers, to meet with our museum design firm during their late April visit.
- Hosted five private events and three school field trips last week at Union Station.
- A news story about our Merci Car restoration project was included in the *Standard-Examiner*: ["Almost ready -- work on restoration of Utah's Merci Car reaches its home stretch"](#).

### Building Services

- During March, the plan review team completed 92 reviews on a variety of commercial and residential projects that included building permit construction plans, and land use approvals for zoning requirements. These multi-department review processes involve staff from Building Services, Planning, Engineering, the Fire Marshal's Office, and Water Quality – reviewing the specific requirements to ensure state adopted building codes, city codes, and city standards are being met. Each person performing the review writes and prepares correctional comments that are then returned to the applicant/customer to have their design professional respond to and re-submit to obtain final approval for the project to move forward.
- The plan review team has now updated to current Utah adopted 2021 International Residential Code plan review guide with each specific code requirement identifying the associated current code reference section. This document is attached to all new single family residential plan sets, meeting Utah code requiring any correction written by a building inspector to provide the contractor with the specific code reference for each correction. It is also used after plan reviews are completed to re-visit and ensure nothing was missed.
- Our Code Services team conducted walks along 25th Street last week to remove signage illegally posted to the street light poles.
- Code Services conducted a walking patrol of Fort Buenaventura looking for illegal camp sites and litter/debris needing to be picked up.
- A group clean-up effort by Code Services last week produced approximately 280 pounds of garbage.

## Community Development

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is complete and under contract – [listing link here](#). Scheduled to close mid-April.
  - Renovation of 2823 Eccles is complete and now listed for sale (*photo right*) – [listing link here](#).
  - Renovation 1183 28th Street is now underway.
  - The home at 470 30<sup>th</sup> Street 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 final interior work underway.
    - A construction contract for the new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is being processed.
  - 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); 74 applications received; 8 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. Exterior work is now underway.
- We presented draft of the FY26-30 5-year consolidated plan in city council work session, including AAP FY26, NRSA, and Own in Ogden program guideline changes.



## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Info. Center

- Prepared and presented our development project updates to the RDA Board during their work session.
- Continued work on predevelopment activities for the Union Station Neighborhood and met to review updates with the project team.
- Progressing on the proposed Adams CRA budget amendment and various redevelopment projects in the Adams CRA.
- Prepared and facilitated the mailing of the Public Hearing Notice to the Property Owners of Record and Taxing Entities for the Proposed Amendment of the Adams CRA Project Area Budget.
- [Met with Hydro-jug](#) and several other local businesses last week.
- Represented Ogden and our airport at the [MRO Americas](#) convention last week – which brought together airports from across the nation to showcase their innovation, teamwork, and regional significance.
- Prepared for our [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#), coming up on May 13-15.
- Initiated the launch preparations for the Business Information Center Presentation, Workshop, and Seminar Series.
- Prepared/[posted](#)/emailed information about parking changes in the Electric Alley parking area.
- Met again with our community stakeholder Rapid-Response Team to prepare for our upcoming “Federal Employee Resource Connection Forum” on April 23.
  - Followed up with the distribution of the final event flyer (*shown above*), [news release](#) distribution, [social media posts](#) and emailed participation invites to area businesses/organizations.
    - Support from our Marketing Team helped make our efforts possible.
  - Federal employee participant registration is available at: <https://OgdenCareers.eventbrite.com>
  - Business/organization registration is available at: <https://OgdenEmployers.eventbrite.com>
  - [Standard-Examiner: "Ogden-community-partners-to-host-career-transition-resource-connection-event-for-federal-employees"](#)
  - Our next meeting is later today (April 14) at 4:00 pm, and we will focus on event logistics/details.



## Planning

- Wall Avenue Corridor Plan:
  - We met with the Wall Avenue Corridor advisory committee last week.
  - The plan is looking at the best future configuration of Wall Avenue to make it a pedestrian friendly road that still accommodates vehicle travel.
  - We will present more information at the Make Ogden community engagement meeting on April 23, at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
- Plan Ogden:
  - We met with the Zone Ogden advisory committee last week and reviewed the draft future land use map and land use designations. The committee made recommendations, including focusing on trails, neighborhood centers, and local green spaces.