

# 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](#).

### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Artists LaToya Peoples and Damon Lamar Reed are both currently working on their public art projects at the soon to be opened new [Marshall White Center](#).
  - After nine full days of work, Damon Reed completed his stunning mural at the entry of the new facility last week (*photo right*).
  - KUTV News interviewed the artist and aired the story at this link: <https://kutv.com/news/belonging-in-utah/anticipation-builds-for-ogdens-new-community-center>
- The community art show "Elements" is at Union Station until May 2.
- The art show "Empathy," by local BLHS and WSU students, is in the Myra Powell gallery at Union Station through mid-May.
- A new art installation, entitled "This was water," will open on May 16 at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
- Installations of the utility box art project are expected to start in May.
- Reviewed 18 grant applications as a reviewer for the Utah Division of Arts and Museums.
- Participated in the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee meeting, and introduced the committee to our new museum designers, HGA/Roto.
- Preparing for HGA/Roto's site visit, Apr. 29-30, by creating focus groups and coordinating relevant organizations and individuals.
- Met with our city Marketing Communications team to discuss support for our upcoming Heritage Festival. We appreciate their support!
- Finalized marketing materials for our annual Living Heritage Festival coming up on May 10 (*flyer below*).
- Finalizing details for this week's "Remembering Ogden's Downtown" program, which will feature pop-up exhibits and discussions with 11 oral history participants about their lives in downtown Ogden (Apr. 26).
  - <https://www.ogdencity.gov/2013/Discover-Ogden-Stories>
- Reviewing applications for part-time museum positions for Education and Collections assistants. Interviews will begin this week.
- Roof replacement work on the west side of the Union Station building is currently underway with approximately 15% of the overall project completed.
- The tree canopies on the south side on Union Station have been trimmed/raised.
- Preparing for "Make a Difference Day" at Union Station (May 1). We will be completing plaza cleanup and flower planting projects.
- Created unified email signature templates featuring staff headshots for the Union Station team, aligning with brand standards and improving visual professionalism in our communications.
- We hosted four private events last week at Union Station.



### Building Services

- So far this month Business Licensing has issued 14 new Commercial Licenses, one new Home Occupation License, eight new Rental Licenses, and three Special Event Licenses.
- Code Services participated in two separate clean-ups last week. The two clean ups collected over 700 pounds of garbage and debris.
- A couple of new business/tenant improvements have been completed and approved for occupancy:
  - Systemic Formulas at 626 West Stockman Way, and Mountainland Physical Therapy at 429 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Community Development (*housing*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the historic home at 2329 Quincy is complete and under contract – and scheduled to close by end of the month.
  - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is complete and now under contract.
  - Renovation of the home at 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 finalized. Construction to begin shortly.
  - 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](#): 15 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.
- Through May 9, we are accepting public comments on our [Five-Year Consolidated Plan](#) for housing at [fairhousing@ogdencity.gov](mailto:fairhousing@ogdencity.gov)

## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Presented the proposed Adams CRA budget amendment at the County Commission work session and Ogden School Board meeting; the Commissioners provided feedback for consideration and the School Board voted to approve.
- Reviewed FY2026 RDA budget and several related budget items with our financial team.
- Continuing work on Union Station predevelopment activities and Forest Service Building redevelopment plans.
- Presented updates regarding Union Station master plan activities to the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee.
- Arranged multiple Ogden site tours for national site selectors in upcoming months.
- Hosted a member of the 2034 Winter Olympics committee.
- Facilitated a collaborative discussion with Ogden Downtown Alliance team.
- Met with Big-D Construction representatives about potential projects.
- Participated in the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce Business Forum.
- Met again with our community stakeholder Rapid-Response Team to prepare for this week's "Federal Employee Resource Connection Event" (April 23).
  - About 300 employees and 15 employers/organizations are registered thus far!
  - Federal employee participant registration is available at: <https://OgdenCareers.eventbrite.com>
  - Business/organization registration is available at: <https://OgdenEmployers.eventbrite.com>
  - Our next project team meeting is later today (April 21) at 4:00 pm, and we will focus on the final logistics for our event.
- Met with our parking stakeholder committee and will meet today (April 21) with hotel management regarding E-Alley parking issues.
- Engaging in early discussions about a communication and action plan for Ogden businesses.
- Planning for our [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) in Ogden at Union Station on May 13-15.
- Creating a data sheet for economic development business retention initiatives.
- Completed the job creation requirements for a business loan borrower and working on a loan modification for an existing borrower and the underwriting for a potential new business loan.



## Planning

- Wall Avenue Corridor Study/Plan:
  - We met with the Union Station Campus Advisory Committee this week and got good feedback regarding the corridor study.
  - The study 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/workshop](#) this Wednesday (April 23) at 5:30 pm at Union Station (flyer right).
- Marylin Drive Historic District:
  - The Landmarks Commission and our project consultant met in a work session last week to discuss the boundaries for creating both a National Historic District and Local Historic District surrounding Marylin Drive.
  - There will be a follow-up discussion at the May 22 Landmarks Commission meeting.
- Landmarks Commission Scavenger Hunt:
  - The Landmarks Commission has decided to do this year's annual historic scavenger hunt centered around Marylin Drive.
  - Details for the scavenger hunt will be released on May 8.

