

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

- Hosted the “Remembering Ogden’s Downtown” program on Saturday at Union Station.
- Our new museum consultants (HGA/Roto) will be in Ogden this week to meet with focus groups, relevant organizations and individuals.
- “Make a Difference Day” at Union Station is this Thursday (May 1), and we have a work plan to clean up the plaza and plant flowers.
- Our annual Living Heritage Festival is coming up on May 10 at Union Station.
- Artists LaToya Peoples and Damon Lamar Reed continue to work on their art projects at the new [Marshall White 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.



Community Development (housing)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Our renovated historic home at 2329 Quincy Ave. (*photo right*) sold to an owner occupant.
 - 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 30th 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 is progressing, with final interior work now underway.
 - A construction contract for the new home at 866 Cahoon Circle is being finalized and construction will begin shortly.
 - Exterior/interior finishes are ongoing for the LIHTC housing at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue.
 - Framing is complete on the 52-unit low-income senior housing project at 2650 Grant Avenue. Exterior work is now underway.
- [“Own in Ogden” Down-Payment Assistance](#): 42 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 77 applications received; 8 under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 30 loans approved since July 1 (FY25).
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 18 grants have been awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).
- Ogden City’s Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) currently has assisted 73 formerly homeless individuals with one year rental housing leases.
 - Two households in April (6 households in total) have successfully completed one year of TBRA with supportive services and have been approved for a second year of rent assistance.
 - One head of household, working toward financial self-sufficiency, enrolled in an OTech trade program, paid by our TBRA program.
- Through May 9, we are accepting public comments on our [Five-Year Consolidated Plan](#) for housing at fairhousing@ogdencity.gov.
- Staff facilitated a joint project that leveraged Ogden City Emergency Home Repair grant funds with Weber County Healthy Homes grant to assist a low-income homeowner with emergency sewer line repairs.
- Staff have consulted with HUD to identify potential projects for the use of CDBG CARES Act funds.
- Staff promoted and attended the Own In Ogden program at Key Bank’s Homebuyer Community First Mortgage Program event.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Info. Ctr.

- Participated in the [ribbon cutting event for Blue Diamond Industries](#) at the Business Depot Ogden last week.
 - We were able to help facilitate the company’s site selection activities to expand their operations to Ogden last year, and the new site represents their only facility in the western U.S.
 - The company will bring 92 new jobs, \$30 million in investment, and cutting-edge HDPE conduit manufacturing to our community.



- Hosted our “[Federal Employee Resource Connection Event](#)” at Ogden-Weber Technical College last Wednesday (photos right column).
 - More than 400 employees participated – exceeding our best expectations – and we had nearly 20 local businesses/organizations host information tables (including those with open jobs and support staff to help with resume preparation).
 - Mayor Nadolski welcomed everyone, and our marketing team provided free headshot photos to attendees to assist with their job searches.
 - Participants were positive about the event and media coverage was good.
 - [KSL article: "'Up-in-the-air': Several-hundred-Ogden-IRS-workers-take-part-in-job-event-amid-talk-of-cuts"](#)
 - Community event partners included: Ogden-Weber Tech College, Weber State University, Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce, Utah Workforce Services, Weber County, United Way of Northern UT, and Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity.
 - Our next Rapid-Response community partner project team meeting is later today (April 28) at 4:00 pm, and we will focus on event wrap-up and the need to consider future support events.
- Attended a ribbon cutting event at [Dirt Roads Couture](#).
- Met with a company looking to scale operations and expand beyond current location.
- Facilitated several business retention and expansion visits with local companies.
- Attended the US Global Leadership Event.
- Assisted in the preparation of the 2024 Tax Incentive Financing payment requests.
- Met with City Council Executive leaders to outline plans for updating our RDA Mission and Values statements.
- Closed three business loan projects that have completed their HUD requirements.
- Set up and hosted a Business Information Center table/booth at the Federal Employee Career Transition and Resource Event.
- Hosted meetings with the Federal Defense Innovation Unit and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.
- Attended the Utah Alliance for Economic Development meeting, which included a presentation from the 2034 Winter Olympics CEO - Brad Wilson, that included a nice shout out to Ogden for how we are preparing for the Games.
- Met with County staff regarding the Adams CRA budget amendment with plans to review again during the May 5 County Commission work session and potentially presenting for approval on May 13.
- The Adams CRA budget amendment is also scheduled for consideration by the City RDA on May 13.
- Continuing work on Union Station predevelopment activities and Forest Service Building redevelopment plans.
- Meeting this week with Ogden Downtown Alliance management to prepare plans to address summer activity parking challenges.
- Met with hotel management regarding Electric Alley parking issues, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled today (April 28).
- Our [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) is coming up at Union Station on May 13-15.

Planning

- Wall Avenue Corridor Plan: We held a very well attended workshop on the Wall Avenue corridor plan last Wednesday evening. The plan seeks to create better connections across Wall Avenue between downtown and Union Station while maintaining traffic flow. The plan also considers improvements along the full length of Wall Avenue. About 60 people attended and shared ideas about how to best make Wall Ave. a safe multi-modal corridor.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment: The board met last week to consider two variance requests. One was for lot width, and one was for setbacks. The board approved both.
- Landmarks Commission: The Landmarks Commission met last week. They approved a sign on 25th Street. They also denied a request from a neighbor to make a 1960's era nursing home a historic landmark.
- Concept Review Team: A great article about our initial support process for new business and developer projects can be reviewed at:
 - ["Ogden City's Concept Review Team Starts New Business Off on the Right Foot"](#)
 - [Concept Review Team – Facebook post](#)

