

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

- Pilots and tenants attended the RSAT (Runway Action Safety Team) meeting with the Airport and Ogden Control Tower to review runway and overall airport safety considerations.
- We appreciate all that helped at the airport on Make-A-Difference Day – who truly made a difference with Airport Road cleanup!

Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Hosted the “Remembering Ogden’s Downtown” event on April 26 at Union Station, which was very successful.
 - This event wrapped up our activities supported by the oral history grant received from Utah Humanities and Utah Historical society and completed 11 interviews documenting “Ogden West of Washington.”
 - Interviewees and guests held a community conversation on everything from the community on 25th Street to swimming at the Marshall White Center. These interviews will be permanently archived at the Union Station and online with Weber State SCUA.
- The closing reception was held last week (April 30) for Cordell Taylor’s *Points of Transition* and Tyrone Davies’ curation of Jordan Belson’s *Meditations* installation at the Dumke Art Plaza.
- A new art installation, entitled *This Was Water*, will open on May 16 at the Dumke Arts Plaza with a reception/performance at 6:00 pm.
- Supported another busy First Friday Art Stroll downtown last week (May 2).
- We are now hosting a new art exhibit, *In Our Family*, in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station until the end of July.
- Artists LaToya Peoples and Damon Lamar Reed continue to work on their art projects at the new [Marshall White Center](#). A ribbon cutting event is planned for May 22 and grand opening planned for May 23.
- KUTV news released part 2 of the [Marshall White Center artist story](#) – this time highlighting artist, LaToya Peoples.
- Our [Folk Art artist call submissions](#) are due on May 12.
- ACE and Visit Ogden teamed up last week for “Make a Difference Day” to clean, stain wood seating, weed planters, plant lavender, and more at the Dumke Arts Plaza – and at The Corner Plaza.
- Our museum development consultants (HGA/Roto) were in town last week for their second in-person workshop. Over the course of the two days, we met with internal and external stakeholders including volunteers, staff, educators, and funding partners; received updates on current site planning options; and received feedback on current ideas and proposals. They will return again in late June.
- Coordinated/hosted the Ogden Fire Awards Ceremony, providing a professional and engaging experience for honorees and attendees.
- Coordinated and hosted a community driven market event at Union Station in support of Weber State’s Special Olympics.
- Hosted five additional private events and two field trips at Union Station.
- Currently partnering with the Ogden Police Department to help them complete an exhibit documenting our area’s police history.
- Continuing efforts to enhance operational efficiency and streamline support services.
 - Maintenance work is currently underway to centralize all janitorial and maintenance supplies into a dedicated, organized hub that provides a cleaner, safer, and more efficient workspace for our maintenance staff.
- Planned and executed a successful “[Make a Difference Day](#)” at Union Station. Union Station staff, Economic Development team, Ogden BIC team, and our CED Deputy Director came together to enhance the beauty of Ogden Union Station through a coordinated effort of planting vibrant new flowerpots, pruning and weeding the flower beds, and conducting a thorough plaza cleanup. The results provide a refreshed and welcoming landscape that reflects the pride and care of our community.
- All are invited to our Union Station’s “[Annual Living Heritage Festival](#)” this Saturday (May 10) from 12:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a free family event, full of culture, history and fun – with live performances, exhibits, local food vendors, kids’ activities, and more – all celebrating the rich heritage of our community.



Building Services

- Williams International's new company facility expansion/addition has now been permitted and is ready to begin construction.
- Riverwalk Phase 3 residential development has now been permitted and is ready to begin construction.
- A new storage unit development at 650 W 21st Street has been permitted and is ready to begin construction.
- This week, with the support of OPD, Code Services conducted an abatement that cleaned up a property and helped the surrounding neighbors and neighborhood on Tyler Avenue.
- Business Licensing is working closely with Airport staff to coordinate/unify our licensing processes.

Community Development *(housing & neighborhood improvements)*

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - 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 contract for the home renovation at 470 30th Street has been awarded.
- 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); 80 applications received; 10 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.
- Through May 9, we are accepting public comments on our [Five-Year Consolidated Plan](#) for housing at fairhousing@ogdencity.gov.
- CAC met to review and approve Amendment #2 to FY21-25 CONPLAN & AAP FY21 – Reallocation of CDBG-CV CARES act funding.

Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Our Aerospace and Defense [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) is coming up at Union Station on May 13-15 (*event flyer right*).
- Hosted the [Arcadis](#) Team from Paris, France and Knoxville, Tennessee. We discussed their rich history with Global Events and the Olympic Games.
- Hosted an EDC Utah Project focused on advancing economic opportunities in the Ogden area, including a tour of Ogden-Weber Technical College.
- Hosted a veterans workforce company that visited Ogden to discuss workforce development and employment opportunities for veterans in the region.
- We connected with the Salomon company leadership and toured their Factory Outlet facility, gaining deeper insights into their operations and impact in Ogden.
- JP Morgan joined us in Ogden to explore investment and development opportunities in our area.
- Met with our Rapid-Response community partner team again to review the April 23 [Federal Employee Resource Connection Event](#).
 - All were happy with the overall results (400+ employee participants, nearly 20 businesses/organizations, etc.).
 - Discussed the need to plan for a future event. Our internal team is evaluating.
- Met with Diamond Parking regarding the Electric Alley parking challenges. Additional discussions planned.
- Met with Ogden Downtown Alliance management regarding parking options to support upcoming summer activities.
- Continuing work on Union Station and Capital Square predevelopment activities, and Forest Service Building redevelopment plans.
- We are scheduled to present a review of the Adams CRA budget amendment during the County Commission work session today (May 5) and potentially presenting for consideration at the regular meeting of the County Commission on May 13.
- The Adams CRA budget amendment is also scheduled for consideration by our City RDA on May 13.
- Our team supported Make a Difference Day last week by helping with outside work at Union Station.



Planning

- The Planning Commission held a work session last week.
 - They discussed the 24th Street Interchange District Plan. They will further consider this plan at their May 7 meeting.
 - They also discussed proposed special use standards for the Zone Ogden update. These chapters cover rules applicable to specific uses, such as home occupations, bars, and retail tobacco businesses. These standards will come back to the commission for a hearing this fall.
- Wall Avenue Study/Plan – recent project updates, including those presented at the April 23 community meeting, can be viewed [here](#).