

# 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

- In addition to current flights on Breeze Airways, new flights on Wednesdays will be added during June, July, and the first week of August.
- Met with Breeze Airways to review upcoming improvements to our airport.
- Our city and the airport stakeholder group met last week on advancing our primary guiding documents.

### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- We hosted our Union Station's "[Annual Living Heritage Festival](#)" on Saturday – a free family event full of culture, history and fun – all celebrating the rich heritage of our community.
- A new art installation, entitled *This Was Water*, will open on May 16 at the Dumke Arts Plaza with a reception and performance at 6:00 pm.
- 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 (*painting in photo to right*) and Damon Lamar Reed continue to work on their art projects at the new [Marshall White Center](#). A ribbon cutting event for the center is planned for May 22 (5-7 pm) and a grand opening is planned for May 23.
- Met with city administration regarding recommendations on how to take care of our historic Denver & Rio Grande Western 223 steam locomotive.



### Building Services

- Vacant Property Secured:
  - Code Services conducted an abatement to secure a vacant residence that had been broken into. Despite multiple outreach attempts, the property owner has not yet been reached.
- Illegal Dumping Cleanup:
  - Our team removed over 300 pounds of illegally dumped materials from various locations across the city.
- Sign Patrol Enforcement:
  - A sign patrol activity was carried out along downtown 25th Street, where illegally placed signs were addressed and removed.
- Plan Review:
  - During April, the plan review team completed 98 reviews on a variety of commercial and residential projects that included building permit construction plans, land use application plans for zoning land use approvals, development of potential new commercial and residential building projects (that included single family homes, townhomes, apartment buildings, and commercial developments), new subdivisions, and business license reviews.
    - This is a multi-department review process involves multiple staff from Building Services, Planning, Engineering, Fire Marshal Office, and Water Quality reviewing each department's requirements to ensure compliance with state adopted building codes, city codes, and city standards before building permit issuance and/or zoning land use is approved.
  - The plan review team completed a building permit construction plan review on a new townhome development called the Ogden Towns located at 335 7th Street that contains a total of 36 new townhomes in 8 new buildings comprised of 4, 5, and 6 plex buildings. This will add a new option for affordable housing in this area of town.

### Community Development (*housing & neighborhood improvements*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is complete and scheduled to close next week.

- Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker is underway. Scheduled to be complete by the end of the month.
- 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. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.
    - 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](#): 43 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.
- The public comment period for the [Five-Year Consolidated Plan](#) for housing ([fairhousing@ogdencity.gov](mailto:fairhousing@ogdencity.gov)) concluded last week (May 9).
- CD staff presented Amendment #2 to FY21-25 CONPLAN & AAP FY21 – Reallocation of CDBG-CV CARES act funding in the city council work session last week.

## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- Our team is excited to host the [Acceler8 Wasatch event](#) this week, May 13-15, at Union Station!
  - The event will highlight Northern Utah’s defense ecosystem and connect businesses with opportunities and resources to grow in aerospace and defense.
  - Our Mayor Ben Nadolski and Utah Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson will kick off the week on Tuesday (May 13) at 9:00 am (followed by a host of key speakers and panels); business matchmaking and workshops on Wednesday (May 14); and a career event on Thursday (May 15).
- Met with potential event parking partners to help support Ogden Downtown Alliance’s upcoming summer activities.
- Continuing to work on options to support downtown parking options and providing input for our internal team.
- Met with downtown property owners regarding options for maximizing their retail/commercial office assets.
- Continuing work on Union Station and Capital Square predevelopment activities, and Forest Service Building redevelopment plans.
- Presented a review of the Adams CRA budget amendment during the County Commission work session last week, and are scheduled to present the amendment for formal consideration at the regular meeting of the County Commission this Tuesday (May 13).
- The Adams CRA budget amendment is also scheduled for consideration by our City RDA on Tuesday (May 13).



## Planning

- The Planning Commission met last week:
  - Approved an extension to an agreement with Weber County regarding completion of the Weber Center parking area;
  - Approved an expansion of a nonconforming single-family home in an industrial zone;
  - Approved changes to a landscape plan for the Ogden Recycling Center;
  - Recommended approval of a zone change at 155 W 14th to C-3;
  - Recommended approval of mixed-use zoning at 768 W 24th Street;
  - Continued discussion of the 24th Street Interchange District plan; and
  - Did not recommend changes to downtown parking standards.
- The Zone Ogden advisory committee met last week:
  - They discussed updates to development standards, including parking, landscaping, and architectural standards.
- Key Planning Projects Review:
  - Our team met with other department leaders to review current/future planning projects and consider feedback/support needs.