

# 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

- Airport management met with representatives from the UDOT Aviation Department to review and highlight the progress and improvements implemented at the airport since the previous legislative review.
- A meeting with our consultant group (Mead & Hunt) provided direction for upcoming runway, taxiway, and apron improvements.
- A meeting was conducted with the FAA Obstruction Evaluation Group to evaluate a 261-foot-tall crane currently erected at the new America First Credit Union Building site southeast of the airport in Riverdale. An alternative plan is being reviewed to help keep our airport and pilots safe.
- The terminal expansion project is progressing well with roofing starting this week and exterior sheathing nearing completion (*photo right*). The front wall masonry work has also started. Site issues have been mostly resolved and curb/gutter work will start soon.



#### Arts – Culture – Events – Union Station

- Our Arts Advisory Committee meeting was held last week, and Stephanie Howerton was elected as the new vice chair.
- The art installation, *This Was Water*, opened last week at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
- We are now hosting the art exhibit, *In Our Family*, in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station until the end of July.
- We are excited for everyone to see the new art projects at the Marshall White Center ribbon-cutting this week (May 22, 5-7 pm) and during the grand opening (May 23).
- Our ACE team is preparing for the first concert of this year's Twilight Concert Series. ["Khruangbin"](#) will be at the Amphitheater June 1.
- Participated in the Weber School District STEM Olympiad with an activity booth. We reached 650 students and their families with an engaging learning activity about the mechanics of steam engines.
- Our new museum collections assistant started work last week. She will be helping to inventory our artifact collection and with our conversion to an up-to-date collections management software system.
- Met last week with potential donors about two significant artifact donations to our museum collections.
- Proudly hosted the three-day Acceler8 Wasatch event at Union Station last week.
- Hosted Ogden School District's Festival of the Arts elementary art show at Union Station all week, featuring performances and artwork from over 500 students.
- Hosted three field trips impacting 220 students and families from local schools.
- Completed the marketing material for the "Operation Hero" event (*flyer right*).
- Proudly hosting "[Operation Hero](#)" this Friday to Monday (May 23 – 26).
  - Union Station has long stood as a gateway for soldiers heading to and from service – a place of welcomes, farewells, and memories.
  - It is fitting that our halls will now feature an exhibition that powerfully captures the human stories behind military service. Each boot in the "Operation Hero" display carries more than a name – it carries a legacy, a life, and a family's enduring love. This event not only honors the life and service of 1SG Tracy Stapley, whose compassion and dedication to others inspired the creation of "Operation Hero," but also ensures that each fallen Utah hero since 9/11 is remembered with dignity. Through a display of over 390 boots, each uniquely decorated and tagged with individual stories, visitors are invited to reflect, remember, and connect with the human cost of service.
  - At Ogden Union Station, we are proud to stand alongside "Operation Hero" in its call to say their name, tell their story, and honor them all.



## Building Services

- A sign patrol was conducted along downtown 25th Street. Illegally placed signage was addressed and removed to maintain area integrity.
- Our Business License Supervisor attended the Tyler Connect Convention and returned with valuable insights to enhance licensing processes, inspections, and reviews. These improvements will help us maximize the functionality and customer service levels of our Tyler software systems.
- Our plan review team completed the final re-review for a major new six-story, 160,000-square-foot apartment building at 2633 Adams Ave., featuring 101 market-rate luxury units. Amenities will include an art gallery, lounge, gym, yoga studio, rooftop club room and deck, dog run and wash, bike repair station, and in-building storage. This project is a strong addition to our downtown and art district, and supports the live-work-play vision of the "Ogden Way."
- Our plan review team expedited two additional revisions this week for the Hunters Landing apartment project at 407 W. 12th. Now nearing occupancy, this project has set a departmental record with 21 plan reviews, reflecting the complexity and persistence of the team and applicant.
- Construction plans were approved for the first-ever single-family home in Ogden to require a full fire sprinkler system. This requirement, triggered by topography and limited fire access roads in the Sunset Ridge Phase 3 and 4 subdivisions (over 30 dwellings), was developed in close coordination with the Ogden Fire Marshal. The plan review included both the building and fire suppression permits, ensuring compliance with NFPA 13D standards. Similar coordination will be ongoing for future homes in this subdivision.

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

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2823 Eccles Avenue is complete and scheduled to close this 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.
    - Home construction at 874 Cahoon is progressing, with final interior work underway. Completion is scheduled 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.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): 45 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 80 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 rental housing.
- Last week the City Council adopted our 5-year consolidated plan FY26-30 & AAP FY25.

## Economic Development – Redevelopment – Business Information Center

- We were excited to host the second annual Acceler8 Wasatch event, bringing together industry, government, and education partners to strengthen Northern Utah's aerospace and defense industry. The event was a big success, with 300+ attendees and great media coverage. We appreciate the support we received from our event partners and the Union Station team!
  - Event sponsors/exhibitors included: [47G](#), [AFWERX](#), [Anika Systems](#), Bonham Commercial, BreakLine, [CatTongue Grips](#), [Cordin Scientific Imaging](#), [Davis Tech College](#), Duct-Aid, [GMRE](#), [Herrick Industrial](#), Hill Air Force Base, [Impac Systems Engineering](#), [Intralog](#), [Kihomac](#), [LSI](#), [Neumont Education](#), [Northern UT Economic Alliance](#), [Ogden Air Logistics Complex](#), [Ogden-Weber Tech College](#), [Richard Manufacturing](#), [Summit V](#), [UT Depart. of Workforce Services](#), [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity](#), [UT Innovation Ctr.](#), [UT MEP](#), [Utah State University](#), [VPI Technology](#), [Wasatch Container](#), [Weber State University](#), [Williams International](#), and [World Trade Center Utah](#).
  - Media coverage included:
    - [Fox 13 News: "Acceler8 Wasatch conference shows off Ogden aerospace industries"](#)
    - [Business Utah: "Acceler8 Wasatch brought together leaders in aerospace and defense"](#)
    - [Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Post: "Acceler8 Wasatch strengthening Utah's position in aerospace and defense"](#)
    - [Tech Buzz: "Charting Utah's Aerospace Future – Inside Acceler8 Wasatch event"](#)
  - Social media numbers thus far include more than 40 posts, 1,540 engagements, and 42,000 post impressions.
- The County Commission approved the Adams CRA Budget Amendment during their regular meeting last week.
- We presented at the RDA Board of Directors meeting last week and the Board ...
  - Held the Adams CRA Budget Amendment public hearing and passed a Resolution adopting the Adams CRA Budget Amendment.
  - Considered/passed Resolutions approving Amended Interlocal Agreements between the Agency and Weber County, Ogden School District, and Ogden City. The Interlocal Agreements authorize the sharing of tax increment in the Adams CRA.
  - Considered/passed a Resolution to execute the terms/conditions of a participation/incentive agreement with Alpha-Adams Ave., LLC.
- Worked with *WonderBlock* construction team to address upcoming weekend event activity traffic challenges.



*Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson speaking at Acceler8 Wasatch event at Union Station.*

## Planning

- Water Providers and Users Meeting:
  - As part of our General Plan update, we are creating a water chapter.
  - We held a meeting with local water providers/large users last week to discuss water conservation/strategies to manage water supplies.
  - We received excellent input. For example, Weber State University reports they have reduced outdoor water use by 30% by changing landscaping and improving irrigation systems.