

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

- Reminder – you can book your flight this summer from Ogden to Orange County, California via this [Breeze Airways](#) link!
- Our monthly Airport Stakeholders Meeting is this Friday (June 6).
- The airport terminal expansion project is on track and continuing to progress.



Breeze Airways window view at Ogden Airport

Building Services (*building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services*)

- Business Licensing worked closely last week with our Fire Marshals, Building Inspectors, and Building Official to help several new restaurants meet tight opening deadlines. This collaborative effort paid off for both the businesses and our community.
- Code Enforcement conducted an abatement and secured a challenging property near 9th and Monroe. The location had been a recurring concern for law enforcement and nearby residents, and securing it represents a meaningful step toward improving safety in that neighborhood.
- Our plan review team participated in the annual spring training hosted by the Bonneville Chapter of the International Code Council. A major focus was on volumetric modular construction, an offsite building technique where six- or five-sided modules are factory-built and then assembled onsite. Unlike shipping containers, these prefabricated modules are fully integrated building components for residential or commercial use.
 - The team also received updates on ICC/MBI standards 1200 and 1205, which aim to standardize offsite construction practices and improve regulatory consistency across jurisdictions.
 - A representative from the Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) announced that the state will begin publishing an approved fabricator list for modular construction companies. This will simplify permit processing for modular buildings across Utah.
- The plan review team is finalizing the re-review of construction plans for the townhomes project at 14th and Washington Boulevard. The 68 for-sale townhomes will bring affordable housing and individual ownership opportunities to the area. Additionally, two future commercial buildings along Washington Boulevard will further revitalize this corridor. Site and landscape plans are under review.
- The revised plans for the reconstruction of City Walk at 2261 Grant Avenue have been approved. This five-story, 97-unit apartment project replaces the building lost to fire and marks the beginning of broader redevelopment for the block.

Community Development (*housing – neighborhood improvements*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is complete. The home is scheduled to be listed for sale this week.
 - Renovation of the home at 1183 28th Street is now underway.
 - Renovation of the home at 470 30th Street is now underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - Construction at 874 Cahoon progressing, with final interior work and landscaping underway. To be listed next week.
 - 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](#): 46 loans funded since July 1 (FY25); 82 applications received; 8 under review. Not accepting new applications until July 1, 2025.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): 30 loans approved since July 1 (FY25).
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): 20 grants have been awarded for My Hometown Initiative projects since July 1 (FY25).

- The My Hometown Initiative had 93 community projects completed citywide during May.
- Our Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) currently has assisted 73 formerly homeless individuals with rental housing.
 - An additional \$1,855 was received in HOME-ARP funds (from HUD) to be applied to TBRA program.
 - One household in May (7 households in total) successfully completed one year of TBRA with supportive services and has been approved for a second year of rent assistance.
- Staff had a productive consultation with HUD representatives discussing the status of recently submitted NRSA.

Cultural Services (arts – events – museums – Union Station)

- The first concert of this year's [Ogden Twilight Concert Series](#) was at the Amphitheater yesterday (June 1). The next concert will feature "Disclosure (DJ Set)" on June 12.
- We hosted our Planning department's Zone Ogden public engagement event last week at Union Station, as well as several private events.
- The artist, LaToya Peoples, is in Ogden this week to finish her mural project at the Marshall White Center.
- We will be hosting the annual [Tattoo Convention](#) at Union Station this weekend (June 6-8).
- We are preparing for our Community Art Show installation, "Folk Art," which is scheduled to open on June 13 at Union Station.
- The [Mayor's Awards in the Arts](#) nominations are now open for the community to nominate a creative or arts organization making a difference in the arts. [Nominations](#) for this year's awards close on July 25.
- The Arts Committee is currently reviewing new member applications.
- The art installation, *This Was Water*, is currently at the Dumke Arts Plaza.
- The art exhibit, *In Our Family*, is currently in the Myra Powell Gallery at Union Station until the end of July.

Economic Development (redevelopment – business development – Business Information Center)

- Met with Acceler8 Wasatch partners to debrief on our 2025 event (last month in Ogden) and to discuss transition to the Hill Industry Partner Exchange (HIPE) event in 2026.
- Met with several entrepreneurs who attended the Acceler8 Wasatch event and are looking to establish a footprint here in Ogden.
- Met with site selectors and business reps for Project Frontier and toured several potential sites in Ogden.
 - Project Frontier is a company in the mid-west looking to expand in the west to better reach its customer base.
 - They are looking for 20 acres or more with rail access and a facility of 150,000-200,000 square feet.
- Developed proposed updates to the RDA mission and values and reviewed with RDA board administration.
- Continued work on planning and related project communications for Capitol Square, Forest Service Building, and Wall Ave. apartments.
- Scheduling BRE (business retention and expansion) meetings and follow up correspondence with our existing businesses.
- Participated in internal parking discussions to prepare for the business stakeholder meeting this week (June 2).
- Putting together new welcome packets for new businesses.

Planning

- [Zone Ogden](#) Open House:
 - Our Planning team held a [public open house event](#) at Union Station last Wednesday (May 28) on Zone Ogden activities (photo right).
 - We gathered feedback on development standards, including standards for parking, landscaping, lighting, and building design.
- [Landmarks Commission](#):
 - The Commission met last week to consider three items.
 - Installation of two signs on Historic 25th Street and a new railing on 25th Street.
 - The commission approved all three items.
- [Historic Preservation Month Presentation and Scavenger Hunt](#):
 - We held our annual historic preservation month presentation and scavenger hunt. This hunt's theme was the Marilyn Drive area.
 - Angie Abrams gave a presentation on the history and architecture of this area, which includes one of the state's first City Beautiful movements and auto oriented neighborhoods.



Zone Ogden public open house event (May 28)



City budget open house event (May 27) –
Community & Econ. Development Exec. Director, Jared Johnson (right)

Other Department Activities

- Presented our department's tentative Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget information at the city's budget open house last week (photo right).
 - [Standard Examiner article: "Ogden holds open house to discuss city budget with the public"](#)