

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

- Strategic realignment of airport operating requirements
 - We have been working on operational realignments at the airport in order to:
 - Ensure clear governance – operational clarity; improve operational efficiency; align management practices with aviation industry best practices; improve transparency and accountability; and define strategic focus – aligning with city vision/values.
 - One of the most visible and immediate steps now is the proposed realignment of Ogden's City Code related to airport operations, which will be initially presented/reviewed this week (July 15) at the Ogden City Council work session.
 - Review the *Standard Examiner* article: ["Ogden City Council to consider policy changes pertaining to airport"](#)

Community Development (*housing – neighborhood improvements*)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
 - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is now complete and it is listed for sale ([listing](#)).
 - Renovation of the homes at 1183 28th Street and 470 30th Street are now underway.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
 - Progress on our new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
 - Construction at 874 Cahoon is now complete and under contract.
 - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon is now underway.
 - Progress continues on the 175-unit affordable Q25 housing project located at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue (*photo right*). Northern exterior entering final stages of completion.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): New Applications now being accepted for FY26. Since July 1, one loan has been funded, 12 applications received, and 11 applications are under review.
 - Review the Fox13 News article: ["Ogden expands home buying assistance program with additional funding"](#)
- [Home Exterior Loan Program \(HELP\)](#): New Applications are now being accepted for FY2026. Since July 1, two loans have been funded, 10 applications received, and 8 applications are under review.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): New Applications are now being accepted for FY2026. Two grant applications approved since July 1.
- Ogden City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) currently aids 79 previous homeless persons; 73 receive rent with supportive services and 6 receive supportive services assistance and are now housed in Solace.
 - TBRA supportive services funds assists six residents at the Solace facility. Funds will help facilitate long-term housing for persons that have experienced homelessness and have acute disabilities.
- Our bid has been published for sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods: [www.ogdencity.gov/264/Purchasing](#). The bid period ends on July 15.



Q25 multi-family housing project – Quincy and 25th

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

- The [Ogden Arts Festival](#), one of [Ogden Downtown Alliance's](#) signature events, is coming up this week (July 19-20) at Union Station.
- Opened our new art exhibit, "Wondrous West," which highlights vintage artworks about America's National Parks/landscapes – and the creation of our national identity. The exhibit features original art from 1848-1942, and is on display at Union Station until Sept 27.
 - A virtual lecture about the exhibit will be held this Wednesday (July 16) at 7:00 pm with the curator, Lee Silliman.
- Opened the new art exhibit at Union Station, "For the Love of Wildlife and Wildlands," which highlights local artists Phil and Traci Douglass's co-created oil paintings and photography celebrating our beautiful natural landscapes of the west.
- We hosted six events and one field trip last week at Union Station.

- The next [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) will be on July 30, featuring “Band of Horses.”
- Completed the marketing materials for our RAMP Free Summer Saturday – coming up this week (July 19) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm at Union Station (*promotional flyer shown right*).
 - Come explore history with a tour of our brand new Western Pacific Caboose #438 – a chance to step back into time!
 - The event is also a perfect pit stop while you’re enjoying the Ogden Arts Festival next door.
- Planning and preparing for our annual Union Station volunteer and staff appreciation luncheon – which provides the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible dedication of the individuals who truly make Union Station what it is.
- Actively working with our city marketing and communications team to develop and implement a strategic marketing plan that aligns with the Union Station vision and our museum goals.
- Hosting “Voices and Votes,” a Smithsonian Museums on Main Street Exhibition, in the fall of 2026. This exhibit will celebrate democracy in America and will accompany a local exhibit highlighting Ogden’s voices and votes. This is part of our America250 celebration, and we are one of only five sites in Utah chosen to host this exhibit.

All Aboard!
WESTERN PACIFIC CABOOSE #438

Step inside the past! Bring your friends and family for a unique, hands on tour of the caboose that's fun for all ages!

WHEN: Saturday, July 19th, 11am - 4pm

WHERE: Ogden Union Station, Entry through South Gate Rail Yard

Ogden Arts Festival has ticketed entry nearby, in conjunction with our caboose tours and museum entry on the house.







RECREATION • ARTS • MUSEUMS • PARKS

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

- Presented the dissolution of five expired RDA project areas at the RDA Board work session last week.
 - These project areas have catalyzed significant new investment and are now (and going forward) resulting in increased property values and tax revenues to Ogden City, Ogden School District, and Weber County.
- Continuing to work on redevelopment activities related to the Forest Service Building, Capitol Square block, Wall Avenue Apartments, and the Union Station Neighborhood (including key activities including our market study, Wall Avenue study, needed property acquisition preparation, and upcoming advisory committee meetings).
- Met with Council administration to further review/refine our RDA mission and values communications.
- Hosted a site visit with a Norwegian company to review potential operations at the Ogden Airport.
- Hosted meetings with developers from Salt Lake City, as well as a national developer.
- Engaged with a Canada-based advanced mobility aircraft company considering Ogden as an expansion option.
- Connected with 47G Utah Aerospace and Defense for updates on the Utah ecosystem.
- Participated in a USA Bobsled / Skeleton event at the Utah Olympic Park to discuss preparation items for the 2034 Winter Olympics.
- Engaged with our community partners regarding our plans to facilitate another federal employee support event on August 14.
- Developing a proposed Tax Increment Funding housing fund policy/procedure for management consideration.

Planning

- Planning Commission:
 - The Commission met on July 2 to consider several items and ...
 - Approved an expansion of a nonconforming house in a commercial zone.
 - Approved construction of a new house in a sensitive area overlay.
 - Recommended approval of a zone change at 1514 N. Washington to allow a for-sale townhome project.
 - Approved a 7-unit townhome project.
- Station Area Plan:
 - The Station Area plan advisory committee met last week to discuss a draft of the Harrison Boulevard station area plans.
 - The Planning Commission will consider this plan at their upcoming August 6 meeting.
- Zone Ogden:
 - Planning staff presented a work session review with the City Council on the Zone Ogden rewrite.
- Process Improvements:
 - Planning, Engineering, Building Services and Business License staff met twice last week to further polish our permit intake and submittal process – focusing on improving the experience for our citizens/customers.