

# 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 Terminal Expansion Project Update
  - Site Work: Concrete work in front of the new terminal is complete, and paving is now being completed.



Ogden Airport exterior, showing new facade and paving – 8/1/25

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

- Code Services would like to acknowledge Officer Mack for her outstanding work managing community concerns related to the recent event at the former Mountain West Meats facility. She personally investigated early complaints, gathered evidence, and ensured that every resident who submitted a concern was heard and received a response (provided they shared contact information). Her dedication and thorough follow-through made a significant difference in addressing a sensitive issue with professionalism and care.
  - We are currently working with a cleaning company to address issues at the facility.
- Construction permits have been issued for WonderBlock Buildings A and B, paving the way for another 159 new residential units to begin construction. This project marks a major milestone for downtown revitalization and continued housing growth in Ogden.
- Weller's Bistro at 455 25th Street previously completed their tenant improvements and were approved for occupancy.
  - Now open, this addition to the Historic 25th Street district will further enhance the local dining scene.
- Our team is currently updating the online building permit application checklists to make them more project specific and user-friendly.
  - These improvements aim to streamline the application process and reduce turnaround time for applicants.
- Young Hyundai Remodel: A \$1.5 million building permit has been issued for renovations at 3315 Wall Avenue, signaling continued investment in Ogden's auto retail corridor.
- MeriCal Expansion at BDO: A remodel permit has been issued for 986 W. 2nd Street, where MeriCal will be adding new mixing rooms to support expanded production capabilities.

### Community Development (housing – neighborhood improvements)

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker Avenue is complete and the home is under contract.
  - 1183 28th Street home renovations are nearing completion.
  - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th Street and 1065 21st Street.
  - CDBG funds were used to purchase the home at 3221 Porter, and substantial renovations will be carried out with the HOME grant to bring the home up to our quality housing standards.
- New Home/Infill Construction Program:
  - Progress on construction of the new homes at Sycamore Cove continues.
    - Construction of a new home at 866 Cahoon is currently underway.
    - The 175-unit affordable Q25 housing project located at 25th Street and Quincy Avenue is in the final stages of completion.
    - In preparation for demolition and eventual redevelopment, asbestos removal is now underway at the former Aspen facility.
- Public Improvement Projects:
  - A contract has been awarded to BHI for a CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk improvements project in two East Central neighborhoods, to support the city's public infrastructure and to support the prevention of future pandemic outbreaks.
- HUD Plans:
  - Ogden City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) has been approved by HUD. The NRSA provides the City with greater flexibility for the use of CDBG funds, less HUD reporting requirements and with the targeting of CDBG funding to distressed neighborhoods for the next five years.
- ["Own in Ogden" Down-Payment Assistance](#): Since July 1; five loans funded, 16 applications received, nine applications are under review.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Since July 1, four applications have been received and three are under review. One project is in partnership with Weber County, leveraging CDBG with Weber County's Healthy Homes Program grant.

- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July 1, eight loans have been funded, 17 applications received, and six applications are under review.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July 1, nine volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- Ogden City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program currently aids 85 previously homeless persons (including dependent children):
  - 26 households receive rent assistance and supportive services.
  - 21 households have successfully completed one year of housing with supportive services and are renewed for a second year.
  - 17 previously homeless persons receive HOME ARP Supportive Services to facilitate long-term housing solutions for persons who have acute disabilities.

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

- Supported the [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) last week (July 30) at the Amphitheater, which featured "Band of Horses."
- Our community art show installation, "Folk Art," is currently in the breezeway outside of Union Station's Gallery.
- The art exhibit, "Wondrous West," featuring original art from 1848-1942, and is on display at Union Station until Sept 27.
- The art exhibit, "For the Love of Wildlife and Wildlands," is also on display at Union Station.
- Submissions to the open artist call for our [Community Art "Music Themed"](#) exhibition are due today (August 4).
- Working on the Merci Car structure project. We plan to utilize the recently completed construction drawings to support an RFP to build the new facility.
- Working on our Division's space needs related to the proposed new museum and continued needs at Union Station going forward.

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

- Ogden Takes Flight Toward Growth!
  - Last week our Economic Development team, in collaboration with the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, led an impactful site selection tour through Southern California.
    - The journey kicked off aboard Breeze Airways' direct flight from Ogden Airport, where we conducted an in-flight passenger survey, and were thrilled to hear enthusiastic feedback about the quality and convenience of flying from Ogden.
    - Throughout the tour, we met with innovative companies in advanced manufacturing, aerospace, defense, life sciences, and more—each intrigued by Ogden's expanding potential.
      - Every business we engaged expressed interest and plan to follow-up to visit/explore opportunities for growth in Ogden.
      - Adding an international dimension to the trip, we also connected with the British Consulate, who expressed strong interest in facilitating the expansion of UK-based companies into Ogden.
        - Their enthusiasm reinforces Ogden's rising reputation as a prime location for business investment—locally and globally.
  - Met with [MoFi](#) to discuss opportunities to use New Market Tax Credits to support Ogden projects and business growth.
  - Prepared project area narratives for our FY2024 RDA report and working on revised format and content for FY2025 report.
  - Updated our RDA mission and values statement and prepared a transmittal for discussion with the RDA Board.
  - Disseminated the Notice of Adoption of Adams CRA Amended Budget as required by statute.
  - Disseminated the Notice of Adoption of Ordinance 2025-25 Termination and Dissolution of Certain Redevelopment Project Areas as required by statute.
  - Disseminated the Notice of Interlocal Agreements between the RDA and participating taxing entities as required by statute.
  - Researching RDA housing development fund programs – to support our new policy proposal.
  - Reviewing the [CDFA](#) Advocacy Briefing - First Look at Opportunity Zones 2.0.
  - Working with a developer to progress design concepts and financial models for a mixed-use development at Capitol Square.
  - Preparing for the design charrette for the Union Station Neighborhood project today (August 4).
  - Supported a meeting with a local business group to review input relative to downtown parking needs.
  - Coordinated with Planning, Engineering, and Business Licensing teams to finalize details for our August 21 Elevate Ogden Speaker Series presentation – "An Inside Look at Ogden City's Concept Review Team" – and we are actively promoting the event to potential new business start-up candidates. Those interested can register for the free workshop at [this link](#).
  - Completed underwriting for a new business loan, which will be considered at our Loan Committee meeting this week (August 7), and processed the cancelation of an existing loan.
  - Met with two business owners to discuss available business resources and capital support opportunities.
  - Economic Development Division Director, Sara Meess, is leaving Ogden City after 12 years to start a new position at [The Nature Conservancy](#). Sara's last day is this Friday (August 8), and we will be gathering for a farewell reception between 2:00 and 3:00 pm in the first-floor lobby area of the Municipal Building. Please join us in celebrating Sara!
  - We are hiring! Currently seeking an [Economic Development Director](#) and [Redevelopment Coordinator](#). Please share these postings with your networks.

### **Planning**

- The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the [Harrison Boulevard OGX Station Area Plan](#) this week (August 6).
  - The plan includes plans for mixed-centers, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, housing, and businesses near the OGX stops.