

# 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](#).

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

- Our Plan Review Team has completed the next phase of construction plan review for Williams International's expansion at 3450 Sam Williams Drive. This project represents an exciting step forward in bringing new job opportunities and long-term investment to Ogden.
- Final plan review has been completed and approved for a new 127,000-square-foot speculative building at 330 Stewart Drive in Business Depot Ogden (BDO). This development continues to position BDO as a thriving center of commerce, innovation, and economic vitality.
- Several single-family home construction plans were reviewed and approved last week, reinforcing our ongoing efforts to meet our community's growing/diverse housing needs.
- Our inspection team completed 311 inspections last week across both residential and commercial projects, helping to ensure construction quality and code compliance citywide.
- Business Licensing is finalizing a new process in collaboration with the Ogden City Police Department that will allow business license applicants who require a BCI (Bureau of Criminal Identification) background check to complete that process locally through OPD—adding convenience and efficiency for applicants.
- A permit was issued for a tenant improvement project at Fix Auto, located in our BDO at 179 S 1000 W, to add a new paint booth. This upgrade supports continued investment in Ogden's light industrial and auto repair sectors.

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

- Renovation/Resale Program:
  - Renovation of the home at 2654 Brinker is complete and the home is under contract.
  - 1183 28th home interior renovations are nearing completion. Landscaping is underway.
  - Renovations are underway for the homes at 470 30th and 1065 21st.
- 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 Q25 housing project at 25th/Quincy is in the final stages of completion.
    - Salvation Army opened the pre-leasing waiting list for the new Ogden Silvercrest Residence at 2655 Grant, a 52-unit affordable senior housing apartment complex, and is accepting applications for age 62 and over at or below 50% AMI (*flyer right*).
- Public Improvement Projects:
  - A contract has been awarded to BHI for CDBG CARES Act funded sidewalk improvements in two East Central neighborhoods. Construction to begin this month.
- 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, three loans have been pre-approved and are in the bid process.
- [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.
- Staff, as a Trustee, attended the Weber County Charitable Trust meeting to review seven applications received for a new grant that will fund homeless solutions for Weber County's homeless systems.
- 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*)

- First Friday Art Stroll for August was held on August 1, and there was a great turnout.
- The annual Ogden Pride Festival was hosted at the Amphitheater on August 1-3.
- Supported our 6th [Ogden Twilight Concert](#) of the season last week (August 7) at the Amphitheater, which featured “Jamie XX.”
- This week’s (August 13) Ogden Twilight Concert will feature “The Head and the Heart.”
- Our community art show installation, “Folk Art,” is currently in the breezeway outside of Union Station’s Gallery.
  - The artist reception/awards ceremony was held last Wednesday evening (Aug. 6).
- 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.
- The Mayor’s Awards nomination period has closed, and the nominations are being reviewed by the Arts Committee.
- Continuing work on determining plans to achieve the best future for the Denver & Rio Grande Western #223.
- Continuing to work with contractors and architects to ensure the new display site is ready for the Merci Car’s return. Last week, we were able to remove the rails from the former Merci Car site as an initial step to prepare for the new location.
- Working on the America250 Committee to represent Union Station’s America250 initiatives.
- Reorganized our Art Collection to better support future growth.
- Successfully organized and hosted a well-attended annual volunteer and staff appreciation BBQ. The event was a tremendous success, bringing together both staff and volunteers in a spirit of gratitude and camaraderie. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions each team member makes to our continued success.
- Actively working on filling several part time Union Station operations positions. Aiming to fill these roles as soon as possible to ensure we maintain smooth operations.
- Hosted six private events at Union Station last week.
- Working closely with the Day of the Dead committee to begin planning and logistics for Union Station’s annual Dia de los Muertos event coming up in October.

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

- Participated in the Union Station Neighborhood design charrette with the project team on August 4, with a focus on updating the preferred concept based on new information from the Wall Avenue study, museum planning study, and market study. Discussion also considered project phasing and funding requirements.
- Finalized our Economic Development Division strategic plan and proposed Key Performance Indicators.
- Worked on staff cross training and project transitions.
- Prepared and submitted three responses to requests for information (RFIs) for potential site selection projects.
- Hosted a virtual site tour with the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity and an aerospace and defense company interested in relocating their business to Ogden. They will visit in person for a site tour in late September.
- Connected with Bank of Utah and their SBA lending team to discuss business support growth opportunities.
- Met with administration regarding plans for develop our RDA housing funds policy.
- Initiated project to document/map our interdepartmental new business start-up process.
- Facilitated a Business Loan Committee Meeting to consider a new business loan application.
- 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” – intended for those considering starting a business.
- We are preparing for another Federal Employee Resource Fair to help with upcoming additional layoffs ([Register](#)). Details include:
  - Tuesday, August 26, 3:00-7:00 pm
  - Ogden Weber Tech College (Event Center, 200 N. Washington Blvd.)
  - Event highlights: Connect with employers and resource partners who understand the importance of providing accessible and comprehensive resources during this challenging time.
- Held a farewell reception for Sara Meess (our Economic Development Division Director) on Friday (August 8). We appreciate all that were able to stop by help thank Sara for her contributions over the last 12 years.

## **Planning**

- Planning Commission
  - The Commission met last week to consider several items, including:
    - A drinking establishment on 25th Street
    - A change to allow two-story homes in the Sunset Ridge development
    - Dedication of Airport Road
    - A new building on the Weber Human Services “Stepping Stone” campus
    - Final group dwellings for two projects
    - A zone change to R-2 on 12th Street
    - The OGX station area plan
  - All these items were approved by the Commission.