

0:00:09.916,0:00:12.375
Welcome everybody, to the Ogden
Way podcast.

0:00:12.375,0:00:15.708
I'm Ogden City mayor Ben Nadolski,
and I'm happy to have you here

0:00:16.000,0:00:19.958
to talk about the stories of Ogden
through the lens of our people.

0:00:20.000,0:00:23.000
And there are two really
special people here with us today.

0:00:23.041,0:00:25.500
We've got Ronnie White and Luis Lopez.

0:00:25.500,0:00:26.875
Two good friends of mine,

0:00:26.875,0:00:30.625
two big time champions and lifters
and leaders in our community.

0:00:30.666,0:00:33.125
Thanks for being here, gentlemen.
Thanks for having us.

0:00:33.125,0:00:34.250
Thank you Mayor.

0:00:34.250,0:00:36.833
So, if you don't know, Ronnie White is

0:00:36.833,0:00:40.000
son of legendary name Marshall White.

0:00:40.458,0:00:42.583
Detective white. Officer white.

0:00:42.583,0:00:45.500
Doc. Doctor white. Right.

0:00:45.500,0:00:48.666
A man who served our community for years

0:00:48.666,0:00:51.666
and is legendary in his contributions
and his impact.

0:00:52.250,0:00:54.916
Who, lost his life in the line of duty,

0:00:54.916,0:00:57.583
in service to kids.

0:00:57.583,0:01:01.208
Particular kid, even in that case,
trying to help a kid, lost his life.

0:01:01.916,0:01:06.333
And, Ronnie is a living, breathing,
embodiment of that man.

0:01:07.208,0:01:09.791
And someone that we've worked
really closely with on

0:01:09.791,0:01:12.791
rebuilding our Marshall White Community
Recreation Center.

0:01:13.208,0:01:14.083
Yep. Right.

0:01:14.083,0:01:14.625

That's right.

0:01:14.625,0:01:15.583

Thank you so much.

0:01:15.583,0:01:18.500

Yep. And, Luis Lopez,
former council member,

0:01:18.500,0:01:22.125

local leader,
local legend in his own mind.

0:01:22.625,0:01:24.000

But a really good friend of mine.

0:01:25.333,0:01:26.416

Luis thanks for being here.

0:01:26.416,0:01:27.583

Actually, you came here.

0:01:27.583,0:01:30.875

We invited Ron to be a guest,
and he said I'd love to participate,

0:01:31.208,0:01:33.791

but I'd like to have Luis on the show
with us.

0:01:33.791,0:01:37.875

Yep, you guys were so instrumental
in getting the Marshall White Center

0:01:38.916,0:01:41.916

back on track, I'll say. We

0:01:42.958,0:01:46.041

we started out with the committee and,

0:01:46.041,0:01:49.041

got a little off track, but,
thanks to you guys.

0:01:50.458,0:01:52.208

Got it turned around. That's right.

0:01:52.208,0:01:53.875

And and we'll get to all of that.

0:01:53.875,0:01:55.333

Here in the show.

0:01:55.333,0:01:58.708

But let's start with,
let's let's talk about your dad first,

0:01:58.708,0:02:02.375

because that's the he's
the giant in the room, right? Yep.

0:02:03.541,0:02:04.250

Marshall N.

0:02:04.250,0:02:07.916

White, doctor white,
detective white, officer white.

0:02:08.166,0:02:08.916

Tell us about your father.

0:02:11.750,0:02:14.458

Where to begin?

0:02:14.458,0:02:15.333

I guess I'll begin.

0:02:15.333,0:02:17.000

When he came to Utah.

0:02:17.000,0:02:21.333
He, was in the military and,

0:02:22.291,0:02:25.291
needed a place to

0:02:25.666,0:02:27.041
unwind.

0:02:27.041,0:02:30.041
And, Ogden was the closest,

0:02:30.500,0:02:34.541
place that patronized

0:02:35.583,0:02:37.958
people of color.

0:02:37.958,0:02:41.250
And so he came
and developed a relationship

0:02:41.250,0:02:44.250
with,

0:02:44.500,0:02:47.500
Joe McQueen, who was playing,

0:02:47.791,0:02:50.833
a musician here in Ogden.

0:02:50.833,0:02:54.708
And, played on 25th Street and,

0:02:55.625,0:02:59.083
my father became familiar
with 25th Street.

0:03:00.250,0:03:03.250
He was assigned, to a station in Kearns

0:03:03.291,0:03:07.458
and had to come to Ogden
for entertainment. And

0:03:09.583,0:03:11.291
that???'s

0:03:11.291,0:03:14.791
how my father first came to know Ogden.

0:03:15.666,0:03:18.666
It's hard to think about
two more influential leaders

0:03:18.666,0:03:21.916
in the history of our city
than Marshall White and Joe McQueen.

0:03:22.875,0:03:25.958
And then the fact that those two were
buddies and worked together.

0:03:27.791,0:03:28.541
Can you imagine.

0:03:28.541,0:03:30.625
Yeah, and it???'s, it's amazing.

0:03:30.625,0:03:33.500
I was able to,

0:03:33.500,0:03:36.500
to see Joe play
before he passed away. And,

0:03:38.583,0:03:39.875
he was,

0:03:39.875,0:03:42.166
he told me a lot about my father, and

0:03:42.166,0:03:45.750
and that's basically how
I really, got to know

0:03:45.750,0:03:48.750
who my father was, was through
Joe McQueen.

0:03:49.208,0:03:50.916
I'm sure you got the real.

0:03:50.916,0:03:53.208
Yeah. Real deal, didn't you? Yeah.

0:03:53.208,0:03:56.041
Kind of like you two, are buddies
now, you know.

0:03:56.041,0:03:59.458
We're we're not kidding ourselves
thinking that we're Joe McQueen

0:03:59.458,0:04:00.166
and Marshall White.

0:04:00.166,0:04:03.166
Though, in terms of our,
you know, we hope to make an impact, but.

0:04:03.208,0:04:04.541
You're legends in your own.

0:04:04.541,0:04:07.166
Yeah.

0:04:07.166,0:04:10.750
So, so your father was really,

0:04:10.750,0:04:14.500
really involved and passionate
about youth.

0:04:14.958,0:04:15.708
The kids.

0:04:15.708,0:04:19.333
Yes. Being a police officer back then was
totally different than it is right now.

0:04:19.666,0:04:20.250
Right.

0:04:20.250,0:04:25.333
We're going back,
you know, things are turning around.

0:04:26.708,0:04:29.708
The youth were incorrigible. Or,

0:04:30.333,0:04:32.833
you know, they were in trouble.

0:04:32.833,0:04:36.041
And, at that time,

0:04:36.041,0:04:39.583
a lot of black
youth were being incarcerated.

0:04:40.541,0:04:44.583
So, my father thought

0:04:44.583,0:04:48.166
he could make a difference
and maybe help try and turn that around.

0:04:49.833,0:04:52.125
So, he did what

0:04:52.125,0:04:57.750
he could with, the help of Ogden City
police department in trying to stem

0:04:57.750,0:05:01.958
that juvenile delinquency
and and those kinds of things.

0:05:02.125,0:05:04.333
And,

0:05:04.333,0:05:07.333
they opened up, a little recreation area.

0:05:08.583,0:05:11.583
In between 26th and 27th and Wall.

0:05:12.916,0:05:15.625
So we had our,
we had Shane Keyes on the show.

0:05:15.625,0:05:16.791
You know, Shane. Yes.

0:05:16.791,0:05:19.958
We talked about him a little bit
beforehand, but he, he talked a lot about,

0:05:19.958,0:05:23.416
what he learned
researching your father's story

0:05:23.625,0:05:26.708
and sharing it in the two part
series on Junction City Podcast.

0:05:27.333,0:05:30.166
Junction City Justice podcast.

0:05:30.166,0:05:31.875
And the way he explains it.

0:05:31.875,0:05:34.375
And Joe,
maybe Joe shared some of this too. Is

0:05:35.708,0:05:38.708
he was a really big time presence.

0:05:39.333,0:05:43.416
You know, he was a really fit
and striking man of size and strength,

0:05:43.458,0:05:46.375
but his strength was also inside in that

0:05:46.375,0:05:49.666
he carried a, a presence about him,
an aura.

0:05:50.208,0:05:51.000
Right.

0:05:51.000,0:05:53.166
And so people really respected him
when he walked in the room.

0:05:53.166,0:05:54.291
Yes. Right.

0:05:54.291,0:05:57.708

Yes. And, I can only imagine
that he brought that aura

0:05:58.416,0:06:01.416
to bare when it came to serving kids.

0:06:01.666,0:06:02.500
Right? Yes.

0:06:02.500,0:06:05.625
And so when people when he said
we need to do this, that

0:06:05.708,0:06:08.708
people must have listened
because things happened.

0:06:09.125,0:06:12.125
Definitely, definitely.

0:06:12.750,0:06:14.958
There was,

0:06:14.958,0:06:17.958
a police sergeant,

0:06:18.166,0:06:20.333
Listenbaum, I, I can't say his name

0:06:20.333,0:06:23.333
correctly because

0:06:23.416,0:06:25.958
I've only read it in the papers and,

0:06:25.958,0:06:28.916
and I never got
to meet him personally, but,

0:06:31.791,0:06:35.166
Even the young man that, shot

0:06:35.916,0:06:38.916
my father,

0:06:39.458,0:06:42.458
he, he didn't want him to,

0:06:46.208,0:06:48.541
To to go to jail.

0:06:48.541,0:06:51.541
He was a young kid, 16 years old.

0:06:51.875,0:06:53.000
Kind of familiar.

0:06:53.000,0:06:57.041
You know, you had a 16 year
old incident recently with the fire.

0:06:57.875,0:06:59.708
Yeah.

0:06:59.708,0:07:02.708
But,

0:07:03.041,0:07:05.625
our young kids got in into trouble, and,

0:07:05.625,0:07:08.916
and, even then he said that young kid

0:07:09.625,0:07:12.625
who had never really fired a gun before,

0:07:13.166,0:07:15.375
and,

0:07:15.375,0:07:18.250
ended up shooting my father.

0:07:18.250,0:07:20.916
He didn't want him

0:07:20.916,0:07:23.916
to really be persecuted because he knew

0:07:24.291,0:07:26.375
that would have an impact
on the rest of his life.

0:07:26.375,0:07:29.375
And and,

0:07:29.500,0:07:32.708
he was caring and really wanted

0:07:32.708,0:07:35.708
our young people to.

0:07:36.166,0:07:37.791
Take their lives seriously.

0:07:37.791,0:07:40.875
And, not screw it up

0:07:40.875,0:07:44.916
by getting involved in crime
at a young age.

0:07:45.250,0:07:46.291
Right.

0:07:46.291,0:07:49.500
And so he wanted our youth
to take their lives seriously.

0:07:49.500,0:07:52.416
He identified recreation as an outlet
and an opportunity.

0:07:52.416,0:07:53.416
Right? Yes.

0:07:53.416,0:07:56.625
And so they set up kind of early
recreation opportunities on Wall Avenue.

0:07:57.250,0:07:58.041
What were they using?

0:07:58.041,0:08:02.166
Storage containers even for, it
that what I remember.

0:08:02.166,0:08:07.125
Old barricades from military barricades.

0:08:07.125,0:08:08.166
Okay. Right.

0:08:08.166,0:08:09.666
Just finding what they could

0:08:09.666,0:08:12.583
to make things happen
as best they could with what they had.

0:08:12.583,0:08:15.500
Exactly right. You know, and, that was.

0:08:18.291,0:08:20.916
That was, the way

0:08:20.916,0:08:23.916

I think Ogden is, is

0:08:24.541,0:08:26.791
they take what they have
and they make the best of it.

0:08:26.791,0:08:29.166
And,

0:08:29.166,0:08:31.708
even when, things were against them,

0:08:31.708,0:08:36.041
they found a way to make things happen,
right?

0:08:36.250,0:08:38.666
Yeah. Yeah. That's a big time
element of the Ogden Way.

0:08:38.666,0:08:42.500
We have grit and perseverance
where we have a ton of self determination.

0:08:42.916,0:08:45.791
And it's not just about me
individually, it's about us

0:08:45.791,0:08:49.166
and making sure that we invest ourselves
while we lift up those around us.

0:08:49.166,0:08:50.416
Right. Exactly.

0:08:50.416,0:08:54.083
And so if you fast forward
through all those years of your father

0:08:54.083,0:08:59.708
and, the life and the history
and the legacy of of being a podiatrist

0:08:59.708,0:09:02.875
and of being a, an officer
and a detective and a

0:09:03.166,0:09:06.916
he answered the call
when that young boy was troubled,

0:09:07.291,0:09:10.291
and his full intent
was to go there and help that kid.

0:09:10.458,0:09:13.166
And that kid shot
your father in the stomach and

0:09:13.166,0:09:15.041
ultimately took his life.

0:09:15.041,0:09:18.875
But it never took away his legacy
for helping kids.

0:09:19.333,0:09:20.083
Right? Nope.

0:09:20.083,0:09:23.291
And so eventually,
the recreation center in our community,

0:09:23.833,0:09:27.166
was named for your father,
the Marshall White Center.

0:09:27.500,0:09:27.916

Yeah.

0:09:27.916,0:09:32.291
And that's where we bring our journeys
together is in our tenure,

0:09:32.291,0:09:35.583
when we were on the city council together,
we served two terms for eight years.

0:09:35.958,0:09:37.750
Together on the on the council and

0:09:38.875,0:09:39.791
it was time for us to

0:09:39.791,0:09:43.375
revisit the recreation center
because it was getting old and dated

0:09:43.708,0:09:46.916
and need to be not just refreshed,
but ultimately replaced.

0:09:47.375,0:09:48.291
Right. Right.

0:09:48.291,0:09:50.791
And so we are really excited
that will be opening the new Marshall

0:09:50.791,0:09:53.333
White Center in the first week of May
this year it is on track.

0:09:53.333,0:09:55.333
It's on track. Good. Good to hear.

0:09:55.333,0:09:58.333
And so that's where Luis
comes into your life? Yes.

0:10:01.416,0:10:02.500
He's been a thorn ever since.

0:10:02.500,0:10:04.416
Right? Oh.

0:10:04.416,0:10:05.916
I'm just. He's been great.

0:10:05.916,0:10:06.583
I'm just kidding.

0:10:06.583,0:10:09.583
He, you know, you know, he's been great.

0:10:10.583,0:10:13.583
Meeting with you guys, the first time.

0:10:14.833,0:10:16.583
We had a little incident.

0:10:16.583,0:10:18.958
The committee had

0:10:18.958,0:10:21.958
got together, spent
a lot of time, worked hard

0:10:22.208,0:10:25.500
on, putting together,
putting together programs

0:10:25.500,0:10:28.833
for the Marshall White Center
and planned what we were going to do,

0:10:30.208,0:10:32.708
having, contractors look at it

0:10:32.708,0:10:37.625
and tell us whether we needed
to just do a fix up

0:10:37.625,0:10:41.791
on the Marshall White Center to rebuild
or or what could be done.

0:10:43.125,0:10:45.166
And,

0:10:45.166,0:10:48.166
Bart was, happened to be the,

0:10:49.291,0:10:52.958
the committee chair at the time or is it.

0:10:53.916,0:10:57.791
Oh on the for the council, the city
council, who was who was the council.

0:10:57.791,0:10:58.916
Council member Blair? Bart Blair.

0:10:58.916,0:11:01.916
Maybe there.

0:11:01.916,0:11:04.916
And he kind of wrote us a letter and

0:11:06.166,0:11:10.208
pushed us to the side and said no,
we got a plan.

0:11:10.208,0:11:13.666
And again,
it was kind of the, the mayor's.

0:11:13.666,0:11:16.666
I remember, I remember that letter.

0:11:16.750,0:11:16.958
Yeah.

0:11:16.958,0:11:20.083
That was when everybody just sort of
got really frustrated

0:11:20.083,0:11:23.208
and it was like a time where everybody

0:11:23.791,0:11:26.041
I think we,
I think everybody wanted to help

0:11:26.041,0:11:29.958
and we wanted to do something,
but we weren't, we weren't figuring it out

0:11:30.541,0:11:31.375
were we.

0:11:31.375,0:11:36.041
Well, I think the mayor
had had a plan in his head.

0:11:36.041,0:11:41.625
Or maybe you guys at all
had a plan together because of,

0:11:42.708,0:11:45.083
who was it?

0:11:45.083,0:11:47.083
Who did we have involved with that?

0:11:47.083,0:11:50.083
I think it was
when we had a whole committee.

0:11:50.166,0:11:51.291
We had.

0:11:51.291,0:11:53.291
So we had an advisory committee
that was coming up with.

0:11:53.291,0:11:56.791
But you guys had a traveled
to Boise, Idaho, right?

0:11:57.000,0:11:58.958
And saw a program.

0:11:58.958,0:12:01.666
Yeah. So, so so I think it YMCA.

0:12:01.666,0:12:05.625
It was hard because we had
all these ideas and all this information,

0:12:05.750,0:12:08.666
but we
we weren't all on the same page at all.

0:12:08.666,0:12:12.166
No. So and so that that letter was just
sort of this time where it highlighted

0:12:12.166,0:12:15.166
that we weren't on the same page
and we needed to like,

0:12:15.375,0:12:18.375
we need to kind of put our foot down,
put a stop and just say, let's go.

0:12:18.541,0:12:20.791
You know, I mean, we got to do
we got to do this and do it together.

0:12:20.791,0:12:23.083
We got to make a decision
and let's go. Yeah.

0:12:23.083,0:12:25.416
And that was when we had lunch at Chila???.s.

0:12:25.416,0:12:27.583
Is what Ronnie was reminding me before.

0:12:27.583,0:12:28.625
Before we started.

0:12:28.625,0:12:30.708
That was when I first met you guys. Yeah.

0:12:30.708,0:12:32.041
And you guys said, hey,

0:12:33.250,0:12:36.583
we said, I ran on the Marshall White,
so I'm.

0:12:36.583,0:12:39.083
I'm behind you 100%.

0:12:39.083,0:12:43.250
I just puffed up and got excited and.

0:12:44.083,0:12:45.625
Okay.

0:12:45.625,0:12:46.666
Let's go.

0:12:46.666,0:12:47.166
Yeah.

0:12:47.166,0:12:52.875
And, you you you sounded in, said,
yeah I'm behind Marshall

0:12:52.875,0:12:55.875
White, we all want to do something
with Marshall White.

0:12:56.750,0:12:59.750
But we were going back over

0:13:00.041,0:13:03.041
old,

0:13:05.500,0:13:05.875
I guess

0:13:05.875,0:13:11.333
old habits of trying to move it
from a different location.

0:13:11.666,0:13:13.125
The location. That's right.

0:13:13.125,0:13:18.500
Was was, a problem for some people?

0:13:18.916,0:13:20.791
Yeah. And I understand why.

0:13:20.791,0:13:24.041
Because down there in the in the ghetto,

0:13:24.833,0:13:27.833
the black folks felt they had something,

0:13:29.041,0:13:31.541
so they wanted to,

0:13:31.541,0:13:33.333
you know,

0:13:33.333,0:13:35.708
protect their what they what they had.

0:13:35.708,0:13:38.291
They didn't want to lose it.

0:13:38.291,0:13:42.458
But, the reason, the original reason
it was built there was not

0:13:43.916,0:13:45.958
just because it was

0:13:45.958,0:13:48.958
for the black people
and having something to

0:13:50.041,0:13:51.166
to hold on to.

0:13:51.166,0:13:53.458
But it was where he worked.

0:13:53.458,0:13:55.416
And and lived, right?

0:13:55.416,0:13:57.291
There was his neighborhood that was.
It was his block.

0:13:57.291,0:14:01.375

He was assigned to the black folks
in the neighborhood and patrolled it.

0:14:02.166,0:14:06.541

So, when he was shot, there was this.

0:14:11.208,0:14:12.208

Weird thing

0:14:12.208,0:14:15.208

that went
through the black neighborhood that

0:14:15.416,0:14:18.416

police officers had shot my father.

0:14:18.791,0:14:23.166

Because there were the two officers
that usually,

0:14:23.958,0:14:26.916

he patrolled with, weren't there.

0:14:26.916,0:14:29.750

So, the suspicions.

0:14:29.750,0:14:32.750

Gotcha. Naturally came.

0:14:32.791,0:14:37.541

So I had to kind of figure this stuff out
as I'm growing up.

0:14:37.541,0:14:38.458

This.

0:14:38.458,0:14:42.875

Why did everybody think that,
police officers had shot

0:14:44.083,0:14:47.125

my father, including members of my family?

0:14:48.583,0:14:52.250

So. So is it because

0:14:52.250,0:14:55.250

is it because your father ran by himself
to try and help that kid?

0:14:55.500,0:14:57.041

Yeah.

He wasn't thinking about.

0:14:57.041,0:14:59.583

Normally would be there with others.

0:14:59.583,0:15:01.541

Well, yeah. Just presumption.

0:15:01.541,0:15:02.958

Yeah. Interesting.

0:15:02.958,0:15:05.541

So let???s. Circumstances.

0:15:05.541,0:15:08.583

Let's get back to the history
of that location, because, you know,

0:15:08.791,0:15:12.333

certainly he was a leader and a servant,
especially in the black community.

0:15:12.958,0:15:15.750

But that neighborhood is where he lived.

0:15:15.750,0:15:16.833
Right. Definitely.

0:15:16.833,0:15:20.041
We lived on 28 and Wall. Yep.

0:15:20.750,0:15:22.083
A few blocks away.

0:15:22.083,0:15:26.458
And so the, the if there was
any discussion about moving it, it was

0:15:27.625,0:15:29.916
that was not taken kindly.

0:15:29.916,0:15:32.916
We had to settle the question
around location first and foremost.

0:15:33.000,0:15:34.458
Yeah.
Because that was getting in the way of

0:15:34.458,0:15:38.083
how do we figure out what to build has
a lot to do with location.

0:15:38.250,0:15:42.125
And so we had to put that question
to rest early on.

0:15:42.708,0:15:43.500
And it was

0:15:43.500,0:15:47.041
I was telling you, is that Junction City
podcast, Junction City Justice podcast,

0:15:47.791,0:15:50.791
by Shane Keyes is now
one of our lieutenants in the department

0:15:51.208,0:15:53.416
that talks about the history
of our department.

0:15:53.416,0:15:57.083
After hearing that, I recognized
the significance of the location

0:15:57.458,0:16:00.875
and of the man and it's like,
okay, that's the, there is no choice.

0:16:01.625,0:16:02.833
This is the spot.

0:16:02.833,0:16:05.083
And once we got past that, right.

0:16:05.083,0:16:06.750
Yeah,
these things were a little bit easier.

0:16:07.708,0:16:11.000
But it's
funny, the same argument had to be heard

0:16:11.375,0:16:15.250
the first time is built
because the location was.

0:16:15.750,0:16:18.750
But again, that was decided at that time.

0:16:19.125,0:16:20.625
That's where he worked and that's.

0:16:20.625,0:16:23.875

Yeah.

So so we we had we reddecided again

0:16:24.625,0:16:27.416

and I thought that was hilarious, I???m
just going, you know

0:16:27.416,0:16:32.125

this conversation has been had before
and it was just like deja vu.

0:16:32.125,0:16:32.666

Yeah.

0:16:32.666,0:16:37.083

But but I remember
sitting at lunch with you guys, and

0:16:37.625,0:16:39.875

I remember telling
my wife and I remember telling Luis

0:16:39.875,0:16:42.666

and I telling you guys at lunch,
I'm like, well,

0:16:42.666,0:16:44.875

this might cost us
a lot of political capital.

0:16:44.875,0:16:47.875

So be it might be the end of the
end of the road for us,

0:16:48.041,0:16:50.166

but we're going to be
on the right side of history.

0:16:50.166,0:16:53.291

And I'm so thankful that
we made the choice to keep it where it is.

0:16:54.000,0:16:55.833

And I'm really excited

0:16:55.833,0:16:58.625

that we're on track to open this thing
in the first week of May.

0:16:58.625,0:17:00.750

And we were on the right side of history.

0:17:00.750,0:17:01.791

Correct?

0:17:01.791,0:17:02.625

Right, right.

0:17:02.625,0:17:04.458

Even though there were concerns

0:17:05.583,0:17:07.916

because it was

0:17:07.916,0:17:12.208

probably politicized,
that it was difficult to navigate all the

0:17:12.958,0:17:15.333

all the, controversies

0:17:15.333,0:17:19.208

or issues or perceptions
or misconceptions. But,

0:17:19.500,0:17:24.166

you know, leaders have to make decisions
and then we have to live with them.

0:17:24.583,0:17:29.250
And you never know what's going to happen
in this environment that is so harsh.

0:17:29.833,0:17:32.833
But in this case,
it turned out to be really good,

0:17:33.000,0:17:38.583
because we're sitting here talking
about a grand opening with, you know,

0:17:38.583,0:17:43.250
with the mayor that was a council member
that was involved in making this happen.

0:17:43.250,0:17:46.250
And now as the mayor now gets to

0:17:46.291,0:17:49.291
be more directly involved now

0:17:49.500,0:17:52.708
in making sure
not only the project happens, but probably

0:17:53.583,0:17:57.000
programing and the future
and the involvement of the community

0:17:57.416,0:18:00.125
and then anchoring plays for our community
and everything.

0:18:00.125,0:18:03.208
So it just happened to me that everything
in turn, that would be really cool.

0:18:03.500,0:18:05.000
Everything works out for a reason, right?

0:18:05.000,0:18:06.666
Right now, like

0:18:08.250,0:18:09.958
you and I have talked about this
a lot, Luis,

0:18:09.958,0:18:13.250
where you build strong relationships
when you do hard things together.

0:18:13.875,0:18:15.125
That was a hard time.

0:18:15.125,0:18:17.000
Yeah, it was just hard.

0:18:17.000,0:18:19.708
And we had
we had some things to just break through.

0:18:19.708,0:18:22.708
But we are better
men and better friends because of it,

0:18:22.875,0:18:26.291
and we're doing the work to make Ogden
a better place because of it.

0:18:26.291,0:18:27.250
Right? Yes.

0:18:27.250,0:18:30.708
Just last night,

we had our chief of police join me with,

0:18:32.458,0:18:34.416
with Mara Brown and Cindy Weloth

0:18:34.416,0:18:37.625
at the joint school board and city
council meeting that we do each year.

0:18:38.375,0:18:39.375
And they had a lot of questions.

0:18:39.375,0:18:41.125
And want to hear from the chief.

0:18:41.125,0:18:45.000
And, I shared the story about
when I interviewed for chief of police.

0:18:45.000,0:18:47.583
I asked the candidates,
you know, why Ogden?

0:18:47.583,0:18:50.875
But I also asked, what do you want
your legacy to be as chief of police?

0:18:51.541,0:18:56.666
You know, if selected and Chief Sube said,
I want my legacy to be two things.

0:18:56.666,0:19:00.208
I want to look backwards, and I want to
recognize the history of our department

0:19:00.416,0:19:03.208
and recognize those who shoulders
we stand on.

0:19:03.208,0:19:05.916
And I want to take care of the future
by having a legacy of involvement

0:19:05.916,0:19:07.208
with our youth.

0:19:07.208,0:19:10.250
And so he is leaning on, all in
on behalf of the department

0:19:10.250,0:19:12.833
and bringing the department with him.

0:19:12.833,0:19:15.833
Really looking toward
that opening of that center

0:19:15.875,0:19:19.750
and has programing options
and ideas on how we bring our officers

0:19:19.750,0:19:22.750
into more connection with the kids
at the Marshall White Center,

0:19:23.166,0:19:26.000
how we honor the legacy
of other fallen officers who we've lost

0:19:26.000,0:19:29.041
since that time, in that in that center.

0:19:30.291,0:19:32.916
He looks back
at the history and says, we've lost that

0:19:32.916,0:19:36.208
connection as a department,

and he wants to really rebuild that. So

0:19:37.416,0:19:39.250
hard things. Yes.

0:19:39.250,0:19:40.583
Good things as a result.

0:19:40.583,0:19:42.875
Absolutely. More to come.

0:19:42.875,0:19:45.000
No doubt about it. Right, right.

0:19:45.000,0:19:49.208
And so I forgotten about that much
until you sat down and told me I'm like,

0:19:49.208,0:19:52.208
so why did you why did you demand
that Luis be joining us?

0:19:53.875,0:19:55.708
It feels like old home week.

0:19:55.708,0:19:58.750
And I very feel full circle.

0:19:58.916,0:19:59.625
Full circle.

0:19:59.625,0:20:00.000
Yeah.

0:20:00.000,0:20:02.666
And I'm comfortable with you guys, so.

0:20:02.666,0:20:03.875
Yeah. Well, good.

0:20:03.875,0:20:05.791
We hope you are. We're comfortable too.

0:20:05.791,0:20:07.041
And thankful.

0:20:07.041,0:20:10.250
So, Luis,
what do you remember about that day and

0:20:10.250,0:20:13.708
and what do you reflect on looking back on
the journey where we've been?

0:20:14.916,0:20:17.291
I reflect on how,

0:20:17.291,0:20:21.333
when, Ron, when we started talking here,

0:20:21.416,0:20:24.833
mentioned that I ran on part

0:20:25.000,0:20:28.000
partly on the Marshall White right and.

0:20:28.125,0:20:31.916
And I was sharing with with you
earlier that I talk a lot

0:20:31.916,0:20:34.916
about how it was hard for me

0:20:35.125,0:20:38.041
when my kids were very little.

0:20:38.041,0:20:40.625
I have three kids, and my kids

0:20:40.625,0:20:43.833
were two years
old, three years old, five years old.

0:20:44.458,0:20:45.416
And I didn't have any.

0:20:45.416,0:20:50.333
I didn't have money to take them to,
the bowling alley,

0:20:50.333,0:20:53.416
to watch movies, to eat at restaurants.

0:20:54.666,0:20:57.916
And so I spent a lot of time
at the McDonald's playgrounds,

0:20:58.791,0:21:02.583
and I spent a lot of time,
a lot of time at the Newgate mall,

0:21:03.125,0:21:05.666
at their playground, playground area.

0:21:05.666,0:21:08.375
And I, I saw a lot of people
from the community there.

0:21:08.375,0:21:10.166
And it was primarily in the winter.

0:21:10.166,0:21:14.083
Right, because and the other
the rest of the month, the other months,

0:21:14.083,0:21:14.833
we can be outside.

0:21:15.958,0:21:17.666
But in the winter it was it was hard.

0:21:17.666,0:21:21.125
And so we kind of
we almost had a community of people

0:21:21.125,0:21:22.750
that we run into each other
there all the time.

0:21:22.750,0:21:24.291
And there was just out there. Right.

0:21:24.291,0:21:26.916
And our kids were running around playing

0:21:26.916,0:21:30.458
and, and I just kept just thinking about,

0:21:31.000,0:21:35.541
the need to have more opportunities
for indoor recreation

0:21:36.166,0:21:39.166
and how we basically,

0:21:39.166,0:21:41.916
you know, we have
we have the Marshall White

0:21:41.916,0:21:44.916
and we had the Marshall White,
but that was

0:21:45.125,0:21:48.125
almost everything there is is.

0:21:48.125,0:21:48.416
Right.

0:21:48.416,0:21:52.333
I mean, we have we have some of the pools
at Ben Lomond and Ogden High and

0:21:53.583,0:21:57.250
but the, you know, the very limited
the services and the hours

0:21:58.166,0:22:02.541
and so that was probably
I think that was probably the most

0:22:03.208,0:22:05.583
touching and most important issue for me.

0:22:05.583,0:22:08.958
I run on my platform,
I ran on four things, education,

0:22:09.000,0:22:12.333
the Marshall White, the Union Station

0:22:12.750,0:22:15.791
and multicultural initiatives.

0:22:16.375,0:22:19.583
And I think, I think the Marshall White
because of what I just said,

0:22:19.583,0:22:20.458
because I remember,

0:22:21.416,0:22:23.875
you know, I'm

0:22:23.875,0:22:26.208
if I always say that I'm emotional,
then I don't cry.

0:22:26.208,0:22:29.208
So I just have to say that
I'm very emotional and then it goes away,

0:22:30.208,0:22:32.125
you know? But.

0:22:32.125,0:22:36.250
So I had to say it, but I just remember,
you know, it was like,

0:22:36.916,0:22:42.000
I see all the other kids in our city
through my kids, right?

0:22:42.000,0:22:44.500
And so if my kids don't
have these opportunities,

0:22:44.500,0:22:46.541
there are thousands of kids in our city

0:22:46.541,0:22:49.541
that don't have the opportunities
that my kids don't have.

0:22:49.583,0:22:53.666
And so my job as a leader is to figure out
how to bring about those opportunities.

0:22:53.666,0:22:57.625
So so that's what I remember
the most, you know, and I remember

0:22:57.625,0:23:01.916
being so frustrated because I,

I was losing hope at that one point.

0:23:01.916,0:23:02.125
And I

0:23:02.125,0:23:04.458
when I said at the dias
when we talked about this, I'm

0:23:04.458,0:23:06.833
like, well, I'm tired talking about it,
but here we go again.

0:23:06.833,0:23:09.208
It's like, and no matter what I said,
nothing happens, right?

0:23:09.208,0:23:12.208
I just kind of get angry,
you know, and and.

0:23:12.583,0:23:15.541
You know, I had a lot of family members
that were that way, you know,

0:23:15.541,0:23:17.791
they're never going to do anything
with the Marshall White.

0:23:17.791,0:23:21.541
And, you know, it seemed that way.

0:23:21.541,0:23:24.125
It was it was a long time

0:23:24.125,0:23:26.916
where we were spinning our wheels
on the Marshall White Center.

0:23:26.916,0:23:29.500
And, the community was getting really,

0:23:31.458,0:23:32.250
discouraged.

0:23:32.250,0:23:35.250
Yeah,
it's it's called political paralysis.

0:23:35.250,0:23:38.041
Right. And it was all around

0:23:38.041,0:23:41.041
just conflict and disagreements and,

0:23:41.083,0:23:43.625
it was really a hard time.

0:23:43.625,0:23:44.500
And it was hard on the city.

0:23:44.500,0:23:46.625
I think it took a toll on our community
and our people.

0:23:46.625,0:23:49.375
It set a tone that I don't think it was
healthy or good.

0:23:49.375,0:23:51.958
I'm thankful that we got through it.

0:23:51.958,0:23:54.666
I'm thankful of where we ended, but I.

0:23:54.666,0:23:57.666
I wish we had been able to do it
without all of that.

0:23:57.875,0:23:59.875

But if that's what it took,
that's what it took.

0:23:59.875,0:24:00.666

Right.

0:24:00.666,0:24:05.166

And so it's, it's it's also sort
of emblematic that there are times where

0:24:06.208,0:24:09.208

the people in the community
just need to use their voice,

0:24:09.833,0:24:12.666

make it clear as to what they want
and what they demand and expect.

0:24:12.666,0:24:13.291

You know what I mean?

0:24:13.291,0:24:13.541

Yeah.

0:24:13.541,0:24:16.916

So, I've had this talk
with, with friends recently that,

0:24:17.791,0:24:20.791

you know, we, I always want to be
the kind of mayor that doesn't

0:24:21.416,0:24:24.541

create the dynamic
that requires that kind of activism

0:24:24.708,0:24:26.375

to get our attention, you know,

0:24:29.375,0:24:31.000

but at the same time, activism

0:24:31.000,0:24:33.291

has been something that has brought
some of the biggest wins

0:24:33.291,0:24:35.291

in the history of our nation
and in the world.

0:24:35.291,0:24:38.916

You know, I mean, it's it's a it's
an absolute constitution or fundamental

0:24:38.916,0:24:42.916

right, that anchors
people and their voices and their needs,

0:24:43.416,0:24:47.250

right to to those
that are elected to serve.

0:24:47.916,0:24:50.750

And so in this case, you know, it's hard
time.

0:24:50.750,0:24:52.208

And it's unfortunate that
that's what it took.

0:24:52.208,0:24:53.875

But it is what it is.

0:24:53.875,0:24:56.500

And we are better for it now. Yes.

0:24:56.500,0:24:57.458
Right. I agree.

0:24:57.458,0:25:01.125
And and and I also remember that,

0:25:02.666,0:25:05.750
you know, I think it's as I reflect on
everything is,

0:25:06.750,0:25:10.041
I was using what I always called the,

0:25:10.583,0:25:14.125
the power of the microphone,
the power of the mic as a council member,

0:25:14.625,0:25:17.208
the power of my voice,
even if I didn't have

0:25:17.208,0:25:20.250
I didn't have the authority
to do certain things.

0:25:21.625,0:25:23.958
Because I was one of

0:25:23.958,0:25:25.208
seven always. one of seven votes.

0:25:25.208,0:25:29.750
But I had the power of my voice to say
what I felt and what I thought was right.

0:25:30.541,0:25:34.625
But and so I reflect on that
because now we're here,

0:25:35.125,0:25:37.875
so many years later
and now using these mics

0:25:37.875,0:25:41.791
to also speak truth and talk truth
about everything that's happened.

0:25:42.375,0:25:47.250
And I can tell you that even even
before I ran for the city council,

0:25:47.875,0:25:51.750
which is now being more than nine
years ago, almost ten years ago,

0:25:53.375,0:25:55.250
and I

0:25:55.250,0:25:58.416
looked at the Marshall White and indoor

0:25:58.416,0:26:01.500
recreation as a mental health issue
that was important to our community.

0:26:01.500,0:26:04.083
And that's why it was so important to me.

0:26:04.083,0:26:08.916
And then it was so hard to do anything
when I once I got elected.

0:26:09.125,0:26:10.666
And it was so frustrating.

0:26:10.666,0:26:14.166
And so after everything happened,
even though even though there were so

0:26:14.166,0:26:15.291
many people involved,

0:26:16.791,0:26:18.833
so many people,

0:26:18.833,0:26:21.833
so many hours, so much energy

0:26:21.833,0:26:24.833
expended into these issue.

0:26:25.250,0:26:27.250
But I can say

0:26:27.250,0:26:30.250
at the end of the day, the mayor

0:26:30.833,0:26:33.833
single handedly is the one that made.

0:26:35.541,0:26:37.416
The the one that was pivotal

0:26:37.416,0:26:40.416
in turning things around to finally

0:26:41.291,0:26:43.875
make the Marshall White a reality.

0:26:43.875,0:26:46.875
Because I was he was the chair
on the council and I was the vice chair,

0:26:47.125,0:26:48.708
and I was in all those meetings.

0:26:48.708,0:26:49.833
And I remember what happened.

0:26:49.833,0:26:52.875
I remember how he handled, the topic

0:26:53.166,0:26:56.166
and so I want to say thank you.

0:26:56.375,0:26:56.833
Of course.

0:26:56.833,0:26:58.875
But, you know,
I'm not going to take all that credit.

0:26:58.875,0:26:59.291
Thank you.

0:26:59.291,0:27:02.291
It was. No, that's not it wasn't just me.

0:27:02.291,0:27:04.041
Oh, it wasn't I wasn't it wasn't so.

0:27:04.041,0:27:07.083
No, it was a change of leadership
that, that

0:27:07.083,0:27:10.375
that really when, when you two,

0:27:12.083,0:27:14.458
became

0:27:14.458,0:27:17.041
chair and vice chair,

0:27:17.041,0:27:20.333
it changed the whole culture

of the council.

0:27:21.500,0:27:24.333
And, and it has changed

0:27:24.333,0:27:27.333
the whole culture of our community
right now.

0:27:28.083,0:27:29.250
So I want to thank you.

0:27:29.250,0:27:31.166
You're welcome.
Thank you. Thanks for everything.

0:27:31.166,0:27:33.541
And and and don't take the credit.

0:27:33.541,0:27:35.666
No, but I'm giving it to you. Gave.

0:27:35.666,0:27:37.916
And he's giving it to you
so you don't have to take it.

0:27:37.916,0:27:40.916
But it also, like, even.

0:27:40.958,0:27:43.958
You're right,
but you're right, you're right.

0:27:45.041,0:27:48.250
for real, I think credit needs to go
where credit belongs.

0:27:48.375,0:27:49.541
There are a ton of people.

0:27:49.541,0:27:53.791
And this is something that Taylor Knuth
and I talked about after the election is

0:27:55.208,0:27:59.000
him and I don't need to fight over
who gets credit for for what happened.

0:27:59.291,0:28:01.541
Taylor
absolutely provided an important role

0:28:01.541,0:28:04.208
in where we are today,
and he deserves credit for that.

0:28:04.208,0:28:05.708
And he did it for all the same reasons.

0:28:05.708,0:28:08.375
I did it because he cares, right? Right.

0:28:08.375,0:28:13.000
And it shouldn't ever matter
around political differences or not.

0:28:13.583,0:28:15.166
It's about what's right.

0:28:15.166,0:28:16.208
What's right is right.

0:28:16.208,0:28:18.375
And in this case, we knew what was right.

0:28:18.375,0:28:21.375
We had to honor the legacy of the man
keeping the building where it is,

0:28:22.125,0:28:24.208
keeping the the anchor of our city

0:28:25.333,0:28:27.833
tied to the anchor of his legacy.

0:28:27.833,0:28:31.666
You know, and once we made that decision,
then it was a matter of

0:28:33.250,0:28:35.916
making sure that there was support
amongst everybody for the plan

0:28:35.916,0:28:39.583
and ended up coming to be because
we don't have an endless wallet here.

0:28:40.166,0:28:40.666
Right?

0:28:40.666,0:28:43.250
There's there's boundaries
on what we're able to afford.

0:28:43.250,0:28:46.125
And my friend calls it God's credit card.

0:28:46.125,0:28:48.833
God, we don't have God's credit card.

0:28:48.833,0:28:50.666
No we do not.

0:28:50.666,0:28:54.458
And so, but also also the other
council members all got on board too.

0:28:55.000,0:28:55.458
Right?

0:28:55.458,0:28:58.875
And it was just a really hard time
for everybody because everyone says, well,

0:28:58.875,0:29:01.875
you have the power,
but we have the vote and we have the mic.

0:29:02.125,0:29:05.541
But we had to come together as a council
on something that could work

0:29:05.541,0:29:08.666
for everybody,
so that we could get past the stalemate.

0:29:08.666,0:29:09.625
You know, I mean, yeah.

0:29:09.625,0:29:11.541
And so all seven council members

0:29:11.541,0:29:14.541
supported this thing,
and it took all seven council members

0:29:14.666,0:29:17.666
setting aside differences and saying,
okay, what's the right thing to do?

0:29:18.166,0:29:23.083
And it took the community, including with
with Taylor and Shawn and others, right,

0:29:23.083,0:29:27.166
with you and your family and, and Betty

and anybody and everybody, Marcus and,

0:29:27.708,0:29:29.208
chief of police at the time.

0:29:29.208,0:29:32.833
And it's a it was everybody had to say,
okay, this is what we're going to do.

0:29:33.125,0:29:35.416
And we ended up coming up
with a beautiful plan,

0:29:35.416,0:29:38.416
and we are going to unveil
a beautiful project as a result.

0:29:38.791,0:29:39.916
Right, right.

0:29:39.916,0:29:42.375
And that is that's a beautiful thing.

0:29:42.375,0:29:45.958
But if we look back and fight over
who gets credit, which we're not,

0:29:45.958,0:29:46.958
we're not having,

0:29:46.958,0:29:50.083
but we've got to be a community
that just says it's not about

0:29:50.083,0:29:53.166
politics, it's not about who gets credit,
it's about the impact.

0:29:53.166,0:29:54.708
And I think that we have done that.

0:29:54.708,0:29:56.750
Yeah,
I really believe that we have done that.

0:29:56.750,0:29:58.875
And that's
what the real celebration is going to be.

0:29:58.875,0:30:04.000
Yeah, it's providing for the kids
developed in the beautiful, facility.

0:30:04.333,0:30:07.291
But having done it as a community, right?

0:30:07.291,0:30:07.666
Yeah.

0:30:07.666,0:30:10.916
I think the community learned a lot about.

0:30:13.375,0:30:15.708
Putting aside their,

0:30:15.708,0:30:18.708
personal differences and,

0:30:18.916,0:30:22.541
looking to see what they can do
to help others

0:30:23.708,0:30:26.708
for the first time in a long time.

0:30:27.333,0:30:30.333
When looking at the Marshall
White Center.

0:30:31.541,0:30:35.875
Which is a perfect segue into
why you're here.

0:30:36.416,0:30:38.833
Like, there's a neon sign behind
you says the Ogden Way.

0:30:38.833,0:30:40.291
It's the name of the podcast.

0:30:40.291,0:30:41.708
It stands for something, right?

0:30:41.708,0:30:43.000
It's not just a frame.

0:30:43.000,0:30:46.000
It's a framework that aligns
all of us as a community and as a city.

0:30:46.666,0:30:48.791
But it's also an ethos spirit.

0:30:48.791,0:30:50.833
And it's it stands for us.

0:30:50.833,0:30:54.333
It stands for being the kind of community
that has the kind of people

0:30:54.333,0:30:58.291
that they care so deeply that we are going
to do the work no matter what it takes.

0:30:58.791,0:31:01.125
Right? That is the level of grit and and

0:31:02.708,0:31:05.708
perseverance that other cities
just don't have, like we do.

0:31:06.000,0:31:09.666
But it's about investing in ourselves,
recognizing

0:31:09.666,0:31:12.666
and taking accountability for who
we are in our decisions and in our future.

0:31:13.208,0:31:16.375
But when we do that,
we always look to it to our sides and lift

0:31:16.375,0:31:18.625
others as we are rising.

0:31:18.625,0:31:19.916
That's what the Ogden Way is about.

0:31:19.916,0:31:22.916
It's our competitive advantage
is who we are built into our bones.

0:31:23.041,0:31:26.041
It's a it's an ethos and a spirit
that drives a city forward.

0:31:26.375,0:31:27.125
Right.

0:31:27.125,0:31:30.875
And the result of the Ogden Way
is a new Marshall White Center.

0:31:31.708,0:31:33.041
That's that's the way I view it.

0:31:33.041,0:31:36.875

And if we can do everything in this city
the way we did that right,

0:31:37.000,0:31:39.458

learn from our lessons
of what we could have done better,

0:31:39.458,0:31:42.791

avoid the lost energy and the lost time,
and get to the point

0:31:42.791,0:31:44.875

where we come together for something
and do something better.

0:31:44.875,0:31:48.666

That's that's the Ogden Way, that is
the best way that we can do things.

0:31:48.875,0:31:52.083

And if we don't have alignment
with congressional delegation

0:31:52.250,0:31:54.458

or our state legislature
or county commissioners,

0:31:54.458,0:31:57.250

our anchor institutions
like the school district

0:31:57.250,0:32:00.250

as well as the city,
all of our nonprofit friends and partners

0:32:00.750,0:32:03.666

and our friends
and neighbors, fellow church goers, etc.

0:32:04.750,0:32:06.333

if we're
if we're fighting with each other,

0:32:06.333,0:32:08.875

we're not going to get anywhere,
right? Right.

0:32:08.875,0:32:11.958

And we need to be fighting for each other,
not with each other.

0:32:13.000,0:32:14.583

So that's why we have this podcast.

0:32:14.583,0:32:16.833

It's why we have the framework,
the Ogden way.

0:32:16.833,0:32:19.666

That's why we brand ourselves around it,
because we want to make sure

0:32:19.666,0:32:22.666

that we keep that spirit front and center.

0:32:22.750,0:32:25.083

So I'm really looking forward
to the first week in May

0:32:25.083,0:32:27.250

when we get to unveil the center.

0:32:27.250,0:32:29.916

What are you hoping to see
when we get to that point?

0:32:29.916,0:32:32.916
What do you what do you envision
when you think about that day?

0:32:35.208,0:32:38.333
I just, I just see, people helping

0:32:40.083,0:32:43.083
each other and.

0:32:44.916,0:32:47.083
I really see the, the old days

0:32:47.083,0:32:51.458
coming back again, you know,
when when the center first opened,

0:32:54.458,0:32:57.458
there was,

0:32:57.833,0:32:58.916
Ogden way.

0:32:58.916,0:32:59.708
Yeah.

0:32:59.708,0:33:02.708
The feeling that we have right now,

0:33:03.125,0:33:04.583
that was the feelings that,

0:33:04.583,0:33:07.583
that it brought when it first opened.

0:33:07.833,0:33:11.083
You know, and I'll say, so my wife
and I coached a team of kids.

0:33:11.083,0:33:14.083
I think we might be the last team
to have practiced there before

0:33:14.166,0:33:17.166
we demoed to start the construction
for the new one.

0:33:17.333,0:33:19.541
And I remember the staff at the time
told me that, like,

0:33:19.541,0:33:22.541
you know,
there's just always been a feeling here

0:33:22.625,0:33:25.500
all those years,
no matter the condition of the city,

0:33:25.500,0:33:28.500
there was always a feeling
of the people inside it.

0:33:28.541,0:33:31.125
And it was sacred ground, right.

0:33:31.125,0:33:32.083
Neutral ground.

0:33:32.083,0:33:35.083
Yeah.

0:33:35.666,0:33:37.708
Black, white

0:33:37.708,0:33:40.166
browns.

0:33:40.166,0:33:43.166
That was, that was a place where

0:33:44.916,0:33:46.500
you don't have your differences.

0:33:48.250,0:33:51.791
And visible was really, in that building.

0:33:52.708,0:33:55.708
We were all there together, and,

0:33:56.375,0:33:57.541
one family.

0:33:57.541,0:33:58.625
Yeah. Yeah,

0:33:58.625,0:34:01.625
I'm sure it would have felt different
if we had moved it to a new location.

0:34:01.666,0:34:03.791
Might have.

0:34:03.791,0:34:06.833
Well, what could have been,
I don't know, but I know what it is

0:34:07.125,0:34:11.625
is, a feeling of, family and love

0:34:13.083,0:34:14.375
community.

0:34:14.375,0:34:15.541
I think it's been a lot of hard work

0:34:15.541,0:34:18.083
to get to the point
where we're building that thing,

0:34:18.083,0:34:19.666
but it's going to be more hard work
that we're feeling.

0:34:19.666,0:34:22.666
It and then making sure
that we're feeling it.

0:34:22.666,0:34:23.375
Yeah, yeah.

0:34:23.375,0:34:26.375
You know, I mean, Chief Sube

0:34:27.166,0:34:30.166
shared a program with me,
he calls it, Rad Kids

0:34:30.250,0:34:33.375
and it's a program he was really
interested in before becoming chief.

0:34:33.375,0:34:35.666
So he had his kids sign up for it.

0:34:35.666,0:34:39.791
And it's a program that connects
troubled youth with police officers.

0:34:39.916,0:34:42.916
And police officers are the coaches and
instructors and mentors in the program.

0:34:43.875,0:34:46.041
And,

0:34:46.041,0:34:47.708
they teach self-confidence.

0:34:47.708,0:34:50.916
They teach how to take charge
and to stand up for yourself

0:34:50.916,0:34:55.625
and how to handle bullying when you see it
and how to how to say no for yourself.

0:34:55.625,0:34:57.583
And you know what I mean.

0:34:57.583,0:35:00.583
How to see dangers before they're you're
in a dangerous situation, etc.

0:35:01.291,0:35:04.333
and it's it's all taught and mentored
by the, by the police officers,

0:35:04.333,0:35:07.333
but Jake Sube our new chief,

0:35:07.416,0:35:09.291
really likes
the idea of making sure that we've got

0:35:09.291,0:35:12.291
a continuity
with our school resource officers,

0:35:12.666,0:35:15.666
that they're in our schools with our kids,

0:35:15.750,0:35:18.250
building those relationships
right over the course of years.

0:35:18.250,0:35:21.250
But each summer
there's a little bit of a dip.

0:35:21.333,0:35:22.875
They lose touch with kids.

0:35:22.875,0:35:25.125
Kids go out in the summer.
They do what they do.

0:35:25.125,0:35:27.625
And he's proposing this and other ways

0:35:27.625,0:35:30.625
to make sure that our school resource
officers stay engaged with the kids

0:35:30.958,0:35:33.958
through the summer, and then they pick
right back up in the next school year.

0:35:34.250,0:35:37.541
And through that summer, they're they're
participating in programs and activities,

0:35:38.208,0:35:41.208
and the officers are in constant
touch points of,

0:35:42.125,0:35:45.125
you know, mentorship and
and connection and support.

0:35:45.666,0:35:48.666
And so I think that
that is the kind of thing

0:35:49.125,0:35:51.333
that your dad would be really proud of.

0:35:51.333,0:35:52.541
Right.

0:35:52.541,0:35:56.083
And so it's our job to make sure
that you???re proud of what we do.

0:35:56.958,0:35:59.958
Because if you're proud, we know
that your dad would be proud, right?

0:36:00.541,0:36:02.833
Yeah. I'm, I'm basically,

0:36:04.708,0:36:06.875
his. I'm

0:36:06.875,0:36:10.208
just a product of his life, basically.

0:36:10.208,0:36:12.916
Kind of

0:36:12.916,0:36:15.625
a that mental health is so important.

0:36:15.625,0:36:20.041
And you mentioned it
earlier, and, our youth mental health.

0:36:20.958,0:36:26.416
Will do nothing but rise from that,

0:36:26.708,0:36:30.041
that kind of participation
in that kind of input and that kind of,

0:36:31.875,0:36:33.583
community. Yeah. That's right.

0:36:33.583,0:36:35.875
Some of the,
the Ogden Way has seven pillars.

0:36:35.875,0:36:39.791
Each of those pillars is a fundamental
component of human success and existence.

0:36:40.625,0:36:45.541
And two of them are, healthy and active

0:36:45.541,0:36:49.083
lifestyle is one, and then meaningful
social connections with one another.

0:36:49.708,0:36:52.583
And so the, the,
the role of recreation and indoor

0:36:52.583,0:36:55.583
recreation, the way you envisioned it
when you ran for city council

0:36:55.875,0:36:57.458
almost ten years ago,

0:36:57.458,0:37:00.791
that's an important part of our healthy
and active and happy lifestyle

0:37:01.250,0:37:03.875
and our mental health and and a community

0:37:03.875,0:37:06.875
center like Marshall White

actually brings together the

0:37:06.916,0:37:09.916
the other pillar of meaningful
social connections with each other.

0:37:10.250,0:37:11.500
Right? Right.

0:37:11.500,0:37:14.500
These are the things that set apart
a city from a commune and a community.

0:37:15.291,0:37:16.541
And we're not after building this city.

0:37:16.541,0:37:18.375
We're here to build a community.

0:37:18.375,0:37:22.041
And so I'm really excited
for all to see all the work

0:37:22.041,0:37:24.791
that our staff have been doing
for programing and planning for the space.

0:37:25.833,0:37:26.541
They're really

0:37:26.541,0:37:29.625
excited to unveil those things
and start to build them, you know?

0:37:29.750,0:37:30.541
Yeah.

0:37:30.541,0:37:31.708
And we're excited to welcome people

0:37:31.708,0:37:34.041
through the doors
to start to build them with us.

0:37:34.041,0:37:37.041
It's going to be special, special place
right?

0:37:37.291,0:37:39.208
Absolutely. Yeah, absolutely.

0:37:39.208,0:37:40.958
And I,

0:37:40.958,0:37:43.166
I think it's so

0:37:43.166,0:37:46.166
magical how,

0:37:46.458,0:37:51.333
the universe does things to,

0:37:52.500,0:37:56.541
help us be successful and help us

0:37:58.333,0:38:01.333
reach places

0:38:01.333,0:38:04.541
and ideals
that we want to reach as human beings.

0:38:05.250,0:38:08.416
And sometimes they happen in ways
that we don't imagine

0:38:09.041,0:38:13.375

and like these is kind of like that
the way I see it, which is,

0:38:14.000,0:38:17.000
you know, through the legacy of your dad.

0:38:17.833,0:38:19.125
Right.

0:38:19.125,0:38:23.833
A center came about
that is an anchor for kids and families

0:38:24.125,0:38:27.916
and community and everything in between
until this point.

0:38:28.291,0:38:28.750
We're here.

0:38:28.750,0:38:30.958
We get to talk to you about these things.

0:38:30.958,0:38:32.625
The legacy continues.

0:38:32.625,0:38:33.458
The words continue.

0:38:33.458,0:38:36.833
The work continues, the community
building continues right in.

0:38:36.833,0:38:40.041
And all that is, kind of like
what you were saying earlier Mayor.

0:38:40.041,0:38:42.708
Is like all the people
that have been involved

0:38:42.708,0:38:44.250
to make this happen
and to get to this point

0:38:45.416,0:38:49.791
and, you know,
I, I, I'm not sure how you're feeling,

0:38:49.791,0:38:53.708
but I, I'm feeling I'm feeling
I'm feeling very hopeful.

0:38:54.625,0:38:56.791
I think we're living
in very difficult times in our,

0:38:56.791,0:39:00.458
in our, in our society
with a lot of polarization.

0:39:00.458,0:39:02.833
It's always been there for a while.

0:39:02.833,0:39:05.625
It looks like it continues to grow.

0:39:05.625,0:39:08.083
But these conversations there, I haven't

0:39:08.083,0:39:11.083
I haven't felt like these in a while.

0:39:11.541,0:39:14.041
Welcome back.

0:39:14.041,0:39:14.583
Yeah.

0:39:14.583,0:39:16.291
Yeah, I know the feeling.

0:39:16.291,0:39:17.708
Right, right, right.

0:39:17.708,0:39:18.041
Yeah.

0:39:18.041,0:39:21.041
You know, you
you look at the new Year anyway.

0:39:21.166,0:39:23.250
Yeah. I don't want to get into politics.

0:39:23.250,0:39:25.041
No, no, no need to get into politics.

0:39:25.041,0:39:27.750
But, but just just but you're right.

0:39:27.750,0:39:30.750
It's a good feeling to

0:39:30.916,0:39:34.250
to know that, you guys are here and,

0:39:35.000,0:39:38.625
and, that we're working towards something
bigger than us.

0:39:39.250,0:39:40.125
Yeah.

0:39:40.125,0:39:41.416
And, Exactly.

0:39:41.416,0:39:43.333
And, all the,

0:39:44.750,0:39:45.500
like you said, all the

0:39:45.500,0:39:48.500
people that have been involved,

0:39:48.583,0:39:51.875
all the shoulders that were standing on,

0:39:53.833,0:39:56.833
you know, it's just, it's amazing.

0:39:57.083,0:40:00.083
And then we get to have boxing too.

0:40:00.625,0:40:01.166
That's right.

0:40:01.166,0:40:05.583
And then I knew we had we had boxing,
but we get to make it a little bigger,

0:40:06.166,0:40:07.875
a little broader, right, right.

0:40:07.875,0:40:12.250
For, for our kids and, and,
you know, how important boxing

0:40:12.250,0:40:16.041
is, for the black and Mexican community,
right?

0:40:16.208,0:40:19.000
Particularly it's just huge.

0:40:19.000,0:40:19.416
Yeah.

0:40:19.416,0:40:22.958
And, I know that we have a lot of kids

0:40:23.125,0:40:26.125
that don't have that support and,

0:40:26.833,0:40:30.500
now there's going to be a new opportunity
in this place, right?

0:40:30.500,0:40:35.458
And it's all in all part
of this very cool energy.

0:40:36.125,0:40:38.708
And that is happening
to make it happen. So.

0:40:40.708,0:40:41.333
I'm excited.

0:40:41.333,0:40:43.625
So we will have boxing there.

0:40:43.625,0:40:46.166
And that's not the end of what
we're going to be doing for boxing.

0:40:46.166,0:40:49.541
In fact, Luis has been helping
with some options for boxing

0:40:49.541,0:40:52.458
and for kids in our community,
and we're working on some stuff that

0:40:52.458,0:40:54.916
we look forward to announcing eventually.

0:40:54.916,0:40:56.041
It's not ready for prime time yet,

0:40:56.041,0:40:58.083
but we've got some options in the works,
and we want to

0:40:58.083,0:41:01.083
make sure that that opportunity
and those activities are available

0:41:01.250,0:41:05.250
to as many kids as we can,
because that's something

0:41:05.250,0:41:09.250
that is in high demand
for an enormous part of our community.

0:41:09.250,0:41:09.791
And it is.

0:41:09.791,0:41:12.833
And there's just not a lot enough of it.

0:41:13.125,0:41:16.125
But in our past, we were a boxing city.

0:41:16.333,0:41:19.541
Yeah, we have a big time history of really

0:41:19.541,0:41:22.541
successful, fighters in the city.

0:41:22.541,0:41:25.541
And boxing is not

what a lot of people think it is,

0:41:25.791,0:41:29.583
is not teaching our most troubled youth
how to fight

0:41:29.583,0:41:32.708
and take it out on the streets and use it,
it is the exact opposite.

0:41:32.958,0:41:37.125
It is an opportunity to build camaraderie
and discipline within themselves

0:41:37.125,0:41:38.500
and for each other.

0:41:38.500,0:41:43.541
A place to create focus
and academic support

0:41:43.541,0:41:47.916
is really a powerful tool
for youth in the city, and it's something

0:41:47.916,0:41:50.958
that I'm really excited to explore further
and and thankful to have Luis.

0:41:51.041,0:41:52.708
Let me share this with you.

0:41:55.625,0:41:56.916
One of my

0:41:56.916,0:42:00.208
mentors, because my father passed away,

0:42:01.208,0:42:04.208
you have to have mentors
that you can look up to.

0:42:04.791,0:42:07.791
It was my brother in law.

0:42:08.291,0:42:11.291
He played football at Weber State.

0:42:11.583,0:42:13.875
His name was Mose Watkins.

0:42:13.875,0:42:16.250
I don't know if you've heard.

0:42:16.250,0:42:19.958
He, was a center director at MTC

0:42:20.833,0:42:23.833
Clearfield Job
Growth center for many, many years.

0:42:24.333,0:42:26.833
But he was a boxer

0:42:26.833,0:42:29.916
for Bill Lyons, Golden Glove boxer.

0:42:29.916,0:42:32.666
Yeah, know that name for sure. Yeah.

0:42:32.666,0:42:35.666
And,

0:42:37.875,0:42:39.708
He grew up right down here

0:42:39.708,0:42:43.250
in Ogden on 27th Street.

0:42:44.333,0:42:48.041

So, home grown.

0:42:48.375,0:42:49.458

Oh, yeah.

0:42:49.458,0:42:53.958

But, education and, boxing,

0:42:54.833,0:42:57.458

Golden gloves boxer.

0:42:57.458,0:43:00.333

And then went to Weber State.

0:43:00.333,0:43:02.333

Just, you know. It???s that darn football.

0:43:02.333,0:43:06.208

Great great great. So,

0:43:07.791,0:43:11.041

and then he went on to play
professional football in Canada

0:43:11.250,0:43:14.208

and come back and work for MTC.

0:43:14.208,0:43:18.166

But our youth need to have
those kind of mentors to look up to.

0:43:18.708,0:43:19.041

Yeah.

0:43:19.041,0:43:22.875

We had, I don't know if you seen
the first episode, it dropped on.

0:43:22.875,0:43:26.291

Well, the first one was an introductory
episode with my wife and I,

0:43:26.625,0:43:29.458

but our first guest
was Billy Schuffenhauer, he???s

0:43:29.458,0:43:32.416

a silver medalist bobsledder
for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

0:43:33.583,0:43:35.750

He's a
guy that grew up in the streets of Ogden.

0:43:35.750,0:43:37.875

And, I got to know Billy in college.

0:43:37.875,0:43:41.291

We played sports there, so
my wife played volleyball and basketball.

0:43:41.291,0:43:43.666

I played football, and Billy was a,

0:43:43.666,0:43:45.625

like, world class track athlete.

0:43:45.625,0:43:49.125

And, ended up becoming a bobsledder.

0:43:49.500,0:43:50.500

And we interviewed him

0:43:50.500,0:43:55.208

and we talked about our initiative
to find one olympian in our community.

0:43:55.208,0:43:58.500

One kid right now that's in our streets,
in our house, you know,

0:43:58.500,0:44:01.500

in our schools,
who can be the next Billy?

0:44:01.541,0:44:03.250

Who is the next Olympic athlete?

0:44:03.250,0:44:05.666

And if we make that our goal,

0:44:05.666,0:44:08.666

you know, you got to do a lot of things
to bring that child out of.

0:44:09.250,0:44:09.833

Right.

0:44:09.833,0:44:13.666

And so that's an initiative
that's paired with our Olympic legacy

0:44:14.083,0:44:18.791

and looking forward to the next ten years
where before, when we host the world,

0:44:18.833,0:44:20.958

we want to have done the kinds of things
in our community

0:44:20.958,0:44:23.541

to create the kinds of opportunities
that bring all of the kids,

0:44:23.541,0:44:27.041

as many kids as possible,
out of the of their home, their streets.

0:44:27.041,0:44:30.208

And in those schools to
to compete and participate.

0:44:30.583,0:44:33.583

And if we do that and do it well,
we are going to find

0:44:33.583,0:44:35.208

an Olympian in the city.

0:44:35.208,0:44:38.208

And if I were a betting man, I'd say that
that kid's going to be a boxer.

0:44:39.208,0:44:41.083

Right.

We're that city.

0:44:41.083,0:44:44.041

And so that means we've got a lot of work
to do on behalf of boxing

0:44:44.041,0:44:46.458

to bring as many kids
to that option as possible.

0:44:46.458,0:44:47.291

Right.

0:44:47.291,0:44:50.000

And we're going to keep our eyes open
for who that kid might be.

0:44:50.000,0:44:53.000

And we're going to wrap our arms around

those kids that have that potential,

0:44:53.291,0:44:56.250
all while lifting as many kids
as possible.

0:44:56.250,0:44:57.958
Right, right, right, right.

0:44:57.958,0:44:58.666
Do you like boxing?

0:44:58.666,0:45:00.000
I do, yeah, yeah.

0:45:00.000,0:45:05.291
Follow it?
I haven't followed as much of it, as much.

0:45:06.250,0:45:08.166
MMA is kind of taking over.

0:45:08.166,0:45:10.500
You know, I follow both.

0:45:10.500,0:45:12.041
Yeah.

0:45:12.041,0:45:14.291
Which one do you like better?

0:45:14.291,0:45:16.416
And I like boxing better. Okay. Yeah.

0:45:16.416,0:45:20.000
Yeah, I mean, I,
I really enjoy it, and I, I love it,

0:45:20.750,0:45:25.041
but I think boxing
is, is really more of my, my sport and,

0:45:26.833,0:45:29.625
my, my son, my son boxes.

0:45:29.625,0:45:32.083
Not professionally.

0:45:32.083,0:45:35.041
But,
he went around all kinds of gyms around

0:45:35.041,0:45:38.041
and all that in the community, and.

0:45:39.375,0:45:42.583
There is a kid that lives in Vegas,

0:45:43.041,0:45:46.041
and he's, he's sponsored by Mayweather.

0:45:47.166,0:45:51.416
And the his dad took him around
different states to go sparring,

0:45:52.125,0:45:54.708
and he can just spar at a gym in Roy
one day.

0:45:54.708,0:45:57.541
And my son almost,
almost sparred with him.

0:45:57.541,0:46:01.333
And he's a professional boxer
and he's like, he's like 3 or 4-0

0:46:02.083,0:46:05.083

And I'm so glad my, my,
my son didn't get to watch.

0:46:06.791,0:46:10.166
That that's where we have to make sure
we've got the right parents, the right

0:46:10.166,0:46:12.791
coaches, the right system in place
to make sure we're pairing

0:46:12.791,0:46:15.208
kids with the right opportunities
and not hurting anybody. Yeah.

0:46:16.416,0:46:17.416
That's, that's

0:46:17.416,0:46:20.958
for another day
and another episode for today.

0:46:21.250,0:46:23.375
Super thankful to have you guys here.

0:46:23.375,0:46:26.125
Thank you, Ronnie,
for everything that you've done

0:46:26.125,0:46:29.125
to to represent the legacy of your father.

0:46:29.291,0:46:33.166
Not just in the project
and and in your leadership,

0:46:33.166,0:46:38.250
but embodying who he is and helping us to
to know who he was right through you.

0:46:39.375,0:46:42.333
And thank you, Luis,
for for standing tall.

0:46:42.333,0:46:44.500
And then

0:46:44.500,0:46:46.125
having lunch at Chila's that one day.

0:46:46.125,0:46:50.958
And we we just made a decision and others
made decisions all around with us.

0:46:51.333,0:46:52.666
And here we are.

0:46:52.666,0:46:53.458
First week in May.

0:46:53.458,0:46:56.125
That's going to be the community
celebration, right?

0:46:56.125,0:46:57.166
Right.

0:46:57.166,0:47:00.166
So and we end every episode
with a call to action.

0:47:00.208,0:47:04.708
Okay, first go to theogdenway.com
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0:47:05.458,0:47:08.458
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0:47:08.541,0:47:13.166

But mark your calendars and put a, put
a hold in it for that first week of May.

0:47:13.416,0:47:16.791

That's
still our target to to open the facility.

0:47:17.083,0:47:20.083

And the Marshall White Center
is going to be a beautiful place,

0:47:20.291,0:47:21.583

and we're going to need your help.

0:47:21.583,0:47:23.208

Everybody who's here
listening and watching,

0:47:23.208,0:47:25.333

we're gonna need your help
filling the place,

0:47:25.333,0:47:27.708

filling it with life,
filling it with community.

0:47:27.708,0:47:29.375

Bring your family. Bring your kids.

0:47:29.375,0:47:31.208

You know? So. So mark your calendars.

0:47:31.208,0:47:32.416

That's your call to action.

0:47:32.416,0:47:36.958

Show up when we cut that ribbon
and and show up every day after that

0:47:37.458,0:47:41.833

to use the facility
and bring life to that community center.

0:47:42.041,0:47:44.708

And in so doing,
bringing life to our community.

0:47:44.708,0:47:45.458

Okay.

0:47:45.458,0:47:46.708

Absolutely, absolutely.

0:47:46.708,0:47:48.833

All right. 10/4, 10/4 Mayor.

0:47:49.916,0:47:52.708

Ronnie
White, Luis Lopez, thanks for having us.

0:47:52.708,0:47:54.666

That's
another episode of the Ogden Way podcast.

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Until next time. God bless you Ogden.