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CAMERON REITEN

I was born in the small town of Valley City, North Dakota on December 21, of 1986. I moved to Oregon in 1994 when I was seven years old. I graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 2005. In 2003 I came to KNND as an intern in the news department. My eight week internship served to reinforce my conviction that I wanted a career in radio. I was hired in 2005 after graduation and have been working at the radio station since. I have numerous duties at KNND, among them local news producer, host of the Rockin' Oldies Morning Show, as well as the Round Up Classic Country and Western Hoedown, (Monday and Thursday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm) and the ever popular Swap and Shop show. As of June of 2013, I am also now the proud owner of KNND, and love the opportunity to carry on the tradition of service that has been the hallmark of KNND.

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dwelling will fit into the larger community that has yet to be approved, isn't as certain.

"There are some logistical challenges," Kelsh said, noting that the group plans to work with the city on how exactly to move forward once the entirety of the village is approved by the city.

The project has been fundraising to earn the approximate \$1 million it needs to see completion. Earlier this year, Cottage Village announced that it had earned \$300,000 through several grants including one from a Presbyterian Church group and hoped to add to its funds through additional grants from Banner Bank and other organizations as well as community support.

The first tiny house, while acceptable under the accessory dwellings ordinance due to the fact a house already sits on the property, would most likely not see a tenant — at first.

Instead, the structure would serve as a model home for the group to show potential donors, interested renters and curious neighbors.

Whether each house would have its own address or simply be a unit under the main structure's address has yet to be decided. Early on, Cottage Village was assigned the same group liv-

ing structure as SquareOne's Eugene projects; members of the community would be self-governing.

Whether that means the group decides to purchase one internet plan or branch out separately is still a question as is the majority of the day-to-day operation of group living.

As rental prices continue to remain high and inventory low, however, the village aims to provide an option for those who would otherwise face homelessness.

"Other people may decide to place an accessory dwelling on their property but it's probably going to be to generate extra income," Kelsh said. "This is different. It's really targeting people that could be homeless if they can't find a good place to live."

According to the latest

United Way study, 44 percent of Lane County residents struggle financially. Families that can technically pay their bills but have no savings and could not meet the challenge of an unexpected financial burden such as a medical bill or car repair, are considered ALICE families; they don't fall below the poverty line but more often than not, are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

According to Kelsh, those families would be serviced by Cottage Village as well as individuals on social security and other low income populations.

The first tiny home is expected to be built sometime this fall and the entire project is set to go before the city's planning commission on Sept. 19.

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within the city. According to the draft report, not yet accepted by the planning

or city council, the company expects Cottage Grove's population to grow from roughly 10,000 residents in 2018 to nearly 14,000 in 20 years and forecasts that

1,379 new dwelling units will be required.

It notes the gain would require 64 new dwelling units per year for the next 20 years.

The housing needs analysis will be presented on Sept. 13 in the back room of Stacy's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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