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Excavators break ground on Cottage Village

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The Cottage Village Coalition 'tiny house' project will help serve those in danger of becoming homeless

The ground at the corner of E. Madison Ave. hadn't yet gone soft from winter storms when the heavy machinery rolled onto the property last Monday. Excavators and dump trucks took turns lumbering over the empty, uneven ground that is set to hold something very big in a very small package.

The site is the future home of Cottage Village, a 13-house development comprised entirely of tiny houses. Conceptually, the project would serve those in danger of becoming homeless and potential renters range anywhere from individuals receiving social se-

curity benefits to single, working mothers or small families struggling to make ends meet.

The project was announced in 2016 initially as a 14-home community for homeless individuals before neighbor input and additional changes were taken into account and the land on E. Madison was purchased with a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust. Local group Cottage Village Coalition (CVC) partnered with SquareOne in Eugene to apply for funding and manage the project.

In October, the project earned another \$50,000 donation, behind a \$100,000 grant from the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation and additional funding from a Presbyterian Church group. It's that church funding that Bruce Kelsh — CVC Chair — says will be used in the coming weeks to construct the first tiny home.

"All this happened very quickly," he wrote in an email inquiring about the activity on the property. "I didn't think site preparation



COURTESY PHOTO

After more than a year since the project was introduced, excavators broke ground on the tiny house village planned for E. Madison Ave.

could happen until January... between storm fronts, E&J Excavating took advantage of the break in the weather to prepare the site for our first tiny house."

CVC went before the city's planning department earlier this year after the state

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South Lane spreading 'Roots of Empathy'

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For three months, a baby has been visiting Deb Henderson's second-grade classroom at London School. He visits with his older brother who attends fourth grade there and his mother, once Henderson's student herself chats with the staff but that's not why they're there.

Little Paeson, now four months old, is one of South Lane School District's Roots of

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Preparing for the 'Big One'

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When the "Big One" hits, Interstate-5 may not be functional. The 9.0 earthquake originating at the Cascadia fault line is set to decimate infrastructure and cause at least five solid minutes of rolling waves rather than traditional shaking. Heavy furniture will fly; buildings will fall and bridges are sure to collapse. And it's no longer a question of if, but when.

The Cascadia

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Swinging Bridge design coming in January



PHOTO BY KENNETH ROBERTS

Several engineers and contractors toured the site of the Swinging Bridge last week. Designs for the repaired bridge are expected in January.

The bridge may be steel instead of wood, and may not move quite as much as the original 1960s bridge

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The city of Cottage Grove held an open meeting on Dec. 19 with more than a dozen private engineers, contractors and residents to discuss the repairs for the Swinging Bridge, out of commission since 2016.

The aim of the meeting was to have discussions with engineers and contractors who were interested in submitting proposals to complete

the necessary repairs.

"The intent," the city manager's office wrote in a project update last week, "will be to maintain the existing appearance as much as possible while also maintain public safety."

The bridge was deemed unsafe in 2016 after several structural issues were discovered by city engineers. The bridge drew passionate support from residents who campaigned the city council to repair the bridge in a way that maintained its ability to move. The grassroots organization, Friends of the Cottage Grove Swinging Bridge, held fundraisers and yard sales to raise money for the repairs which, at last count, totaled \$500,000 in actual repair costs and \$500,000 in engineering costs. However, the \$500,000 engi-

neering costs could be absorbed by having the city complete the work in-house.

The city also applied for various funds for the bridge's repairs (earning at least one) including a \$200,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. However, the grant was not awarded to the city. Public funds, however, reached more than \$3,000 through a round-up program that allowed city residents to round-up their water bill to the closest whole dollar amount each month.

According to city council member Kenneth Roberts, the bridge may be steel instead of wood and may not move quite as much as the original bridge built in the 1960s.

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