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Nordic Cottages Groundbreaking

Poulsbo WA—after three years of planning, the City of Poulsbo in partnership with Housing Kitsap will break ground this Friday, October 4, on the Nordic Cottage Project. When completed, the Cottages will provide 8 deeply affordable homes for older adults and adults with disabilities whose income qualifies them for residence. The Cottages show how a small city can create affordable housing with community support and strategic partnerships. They will also serve as a model for other affordable housing projects that add value to people’s lives and surrounding communities.

The groundbreaking ceremony will start at 2pm and the public is welcome to attend.

The Cottages are located on City property at 609 NE Lincoln (“the triangle”) and the homes are owned by the City. The property, once completed, will be managed by Housing Kitsap, a public housing authority that currently owns and operates numerous properties across Kitsap County. The Construction Contractor for the Project is the BJC Group. The design architect is Coates Design. Land necessary for the project was donated by Project neighbor Gateway Fellowship.

“This has been a work in progress for many years,” says Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson. “It reflects our vision, here in Poulsbo, to build small scale, attractive affordable housing that incorporates into neighborhoods and enhances them as well. This also reflects our interest in city owned housing on City owned land that will stay permanently affordable.”

“Housing Kitsap is very excited about this partnership and this groundbreaking project,” says Housing Kitsap Director Heather Blough. “This will be the only project in our portfolio that is owned by a City and managed by Housing Kitsap. The award of Project Based Vouchers attached to the units will provide deep affordability for many years to come. We are able to leverage our expertise as a housing authority with the City’s expertise in engineering, building, permitting—and benefit from their connections to partners and volunteers that will make this a true community initiative.”

Funding for the Cottages comes from the City’s local one tenth of one percent affordable housing tax, passed in 2021, along with county, state, and federal grants. Estimated completion date is September 2025. Housing Kitsap will be screening and selecting applicants for the property; a waiting list will be established next year.